

## U.N. chief discusses Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar scheduled separate meetings Friday with the U.N. envoys of Lebanon and Syria to discuss the current situation in Lebanon, a U.N. spokesman said. "The secretary general considers the situation in Lebanon is an internal matter," the spokesman told a questioner. "But nevertheless he is concerned about it and its international implications and therefore he wants to discuss that situation with both ambassadors." Asked whether the secretary general would discuss the latest Israeli air raid against targets in Lebanon, the spokesman said: "I am sure it may come up during the discussions but that it is not specifically on that particular event." In Damascus, Syrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam discussed Lebanon's political crisis Thursday with Lebanese acting Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss and militia leaders, diplomats said. The talks were attended by Walid Junblatt, who is minister of public works, transport and tourism, and Amal militia leader Nabih Berri, minister of justice and the south in the Hoss cabinet. The talks, the first between Khaddam and Hoss since Lebanon's parliament failed to elect a new speaker Tuesday, centred on coordinating policy, the diplomats said.

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## 'Superpowers agree on Mideast'

ADU DHABI (R) — Moscow has almost reached agreement with Washington on an international peace conference for the Middle East, a top Soviet official was Friday quoted as saying. But Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky told the Abu Dhabi daily Al Itihad that the Soviet Union would not open relations with Israel until after the peace conference began. "Despite our several meetings with the Israelis, diplomatic relations will be resumed only at the start of the international conference. That is President Gorbachev's decision," Petrovsky was quoted as saying. "There are no basic differences with the United States on the need to convene a conference. Israel is the only party obstructing efforts to start an international meeting," he told the Arabic language daily in an interview in New York. "Our policy... favours the need for international efforts to solve regional problems and avert superpower confrontation because confrontation has not succeeded in ending such problems," Petrovsky told the paper.

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## AROUND THE WORLD...

### Mitterrand to visit Egypt Tuesday

CAIRO (R) — President Francois Mitterrand of France will pay a flying visit to Egypt next Tuesday for Middle East talks with President Hosni Mubarak, a close friend, a French embassy spokesman said Friday. Mitterrand's five-hour trip to the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, where he and Mubarak will hold about three hours of informal private talks, will rank as his first official overseas visit of his second term of office, the spokesman said. "It all started with a telephone call on May 10th, 2200 hours," he told Reuters. "Mubarak was the first foreign leader to congratulate Mitterrand on his reelection. Mitterrand promised to make his first visit abroad to Egypt."

### Somalia frees 6 political prisoners

MOGADISHU (R) — Somalia has freed two prominent politicians sentenced to death for plotting and released four former cabinet ministers detained since 1982. A statement from the president's office published in local newspapers Friday said former Vice-President Ismail Ali Abokor and former Foreign Minister Omar Arteh Qalib were freed as a gesture of goodwill to mark President Mohammad Siad Barre's 19 years in power. The two were sentenced to death by the national security court last February for their part in a 1982 coup plot. Their sentences were later commuted.

### Hirohito breaks out in rash, but stable

TOKYO (AP) — Emperor Hirohito broke out in a rash while receiving blood Friday, forcing doctors to halt the transfusion, but palace spokesmen said his condition remained stable, and no signs of internal bleeding were reported. "Doctors had planned to give the emperor 200 cubic centimetres (0.42 pints) of blood, but stopped at 150 cubic centimetres (0.32 pints), as the emperor developed a rash," Imperial Household Agency spokesman Kenji Maeda told reporters. He said the doctors believe the rash, which soon disappeared, was a reaction to elements in the blood and would not affect future transfusions.

### Al Nahar workers on strike

BEIRUT (AP) — The independent newspaper Al Nahar, Lebanon's most prestigious publication, was missing from the newsstands Friday after 127 employees began an open-ended strike demanding higher pay. "We have reached a stage where we cannot earn enough living to support our families," said a spokesman for the 127 striking workers at Al Nahar's printing press. "We have been demanding pay raises and improvement of living conditions for two months, but publisher Ghassan Tuelai failed to respond," the spokesman said. "We shall continue the strike until our demands are met."

### Presidential polls in Sri Lanka Dec. 19

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka will hold presidential elections Dec. 19, the elections commissioner announced Friday. In a statement, the commissioner said nominations from candidates contesting the poll would be accepted Nov. 10. Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa is the ruling United National Party's candidate. His main rival is Freedom Party leader Sirimao Bandaranaike, a former prime minister.

### China, U.S. near satellite agreement

PEKING (AP) — Chinese and U.S. negotiators Friday agreed to meet two of three conditions set by U.S. President Ronald Reagan for the export of two U.S.-made satellites to China for launch. Negotiations are to resume in November in Washington on the remaining U.S. demand that China's commercial launch services, using the long march rocket, not use unfair pricing, according to a U.S. embassy statement. Reagan announced Sept. 9 the conditions for granting export licences for China to launch the satellites. After four days of talks, the two countries reached agreement on establishing safeguards to protect sensitive satellite technology and on setting China's liability in case of an accident, the statement said without elaboration.

### Dozens killed in Burmese clashes

RANGOON (AP) — Fifty-six government soldiers and at least 30 rebels were killed in clashes during the past three weeks, the state-run Radio Rangoon said Friday. The broadcast said 110 government troops also were wounded and six others missing in the 83 clashes with "various rebel groups" from Oct. 1-21. The highest death toll — 21 soldiers and 18 rebels — was in the Shan States, one of many areas of the country plagued by an insurgency by ethnic groups demanding greater regional autonomy. Those figures did not appear to include the toll from fierce fighting this month with Karen guerrillas in Karen State along the Moel River in the west bordering Thailand.

### Sakharov to visit U.S. in November

MOSCOW (R) — Physicist and human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov said Friday that Soviet authorities had lifted a long-standing ban on him travelling abroad and he will go to the United States next month. "I shall take part in the forthcoming trip," Sakharov told a news conference, referring to a Washington conference organised by the International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity. He is a member of the board of the non-government group. His announcement followed his election late Thursday to the ruling Presidium of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

### Marcos, wife indicted for racketeering

NEW YORK (R) — Ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda were indicted Friday in a racketeering scheme that involved stealing millions of dollars from their homeland and using it to buy property in Manhattan. The Marcoses were accused of defrauding U.S. banks in the scheme and using international arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi as a front. Khashoggi, a Saudi national, and seven other close Marcos associates were also indicted. According to an indictment handed up by a federal grand jury here, Marcos and his wife embezzled \$103 million from their country and defrauded U.S. banks of \$165 million (See earlier story on page 8).

### King Hassan calls conference on locusts

RABAT (R) — Morocco's King Hassan has called an international conference to mobilise action against the worst locust plague to hit Africa in more than 30 years, the government announced Friday. Thirty-two Mediterranean countries will attend the meeting in the ancient city of Fez from Oct. 28-30. Representatives of the European Economic Community, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will also be present.

### Al Shiraa reports new hostage deal

BEIRUT (AP) — A Beirut magazine said Friday a deal was in the works between the United States and Iran for freeing nine American hostages held in Lebanon before the U.S. presidential elections Nov. 8. The weekly Al Shiraa said the deal would ensure the victory of Vice-President George Bush in exchange for a commitment from the Republican candidate to return Iran after his election to the White House. There was no way to verify the report.

## 15 killed in Israeli raid on Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Israeli warplanes bombed Palestinian and Hizbollah targets in South Lebanon Friday, killing at least 15 people and wounding 40 in the two-pronged attack.

The raids, the heaviest by Israel on South Lebanon this year, were apparently launched in retaliation for the killing of seven Israeli soldiers by a Hizbollah suicide bomber Wednesday. Police said two formations, each of them involving six fighter-bombers, attacked bases of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Iranian-backed Hizbollah on the outskirts of Sidon and in the east Lebanon town of Mashgash. Hizbollah had claimed responsibility for Wednesday's car bombing that also wounded eight Israeli soldiers and two Lebanese women.

Two helicopter gunships later joined the attack on Mashgash, facing the Syrian army's forward positions in the Bekaa Valley, police said. There were no reports of Syrian involvement, however. The simultaneous bombing runs in the east and south began at 10:03 a.m. (0803 GMT), police said. Sidon, provincial capital of South Lebanon, is 40 kilometres south of Beirut. Mashgash is 16 kilometres east of Sidon. Police said eight people were

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## PNC to convene Nov. 12 in Algiers

TUNIS (Agencies) — Palestinian leaders have called a session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) for Nov. 12-14 in Algiers to declare an independent Palestinian state and endorse their ideas on a Middle East peace settlement.

Two Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) spokesmen told reporters Thursday that the leaders set the dates at a meeting in Tunis Wednesday night. The decision put an end to more than two months of speculation over when the PNC would hold the session. The PLO will ask the 453-member assembly to declare the Palestinian state on the basis of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 181 passed in 1947.

The PNC will also look at a political statement drafted by the PLO. Jamil Hilal, the head of the PLO Information Department in Tunis, told Reuters Palestinian

## Manglapus: U.S. should have paid more for bases

MANILA (AP) — The foreign secretary said Friday the United States should have paid more to keep its bases in the Philippines and that Manila had not decided whether to seek a treaty to extend after their lease expires in 1991. Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus returned from Washington, where he signed an agreement four days earlier allowing the United States to maintain its six bases until 1991 in return for \$962 million over the final two years of the agreement.

"I'm sorry that not all the issues put on the table were resolved," said Manglapus, chief Filipino negotiator in the bases talks.

He cited unresolved issues of Philippine criminal jurisdiction over the 40,000 U.S. troops, civilians and military dependents as well as the right to approve U.S. military operations.

The accord amended the 1947 military bases agreement, under which the United States maintains Clark Air Base, Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations.

The original agreement expires Sept. 16, 1991. After that, any extension must be by a formal treaty approved by two-thirds of the 23-member Philippine Senate, where opposition to the

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## King: Mideast peace solution cannot wait

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has said that there could be no delay in bringing about a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and described the Middle East turmoil as a threat to world peace and security and a threat to generations to come in the region.

"There are people being killed and repressed, people who are rebelling and demanding their human rights and their legitimate rights on their national soil," the King said in an interview broadcast Thursday night on the American ABC television's "Nightline" programme.

"The situation is such that we cannot afford to reach a point where all the roads and options to peace are blocked; otherwise it is going to be dangerous for all concerned parties in the area and may be for the world," the King said.

The King reiterated that the Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) was the sole legitimate representative of the people of Palestine and would continue to be so.

The PLO must take part in an international conference along with the concerned parties and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council to work out a Middle East peace settlement, the King said.

His Majesty called for a comprehensive settlement to achieve a just and durable peace in the region.

Jordan is still an involved party in the conflict and is still committed to peace because it has the longest borders with Israel, the



H.M. King Hussein

King said. Jordan, the King said, will not replace the Palestinians because we believe that their legitimate representative must be the party to resolve the problem.

The King said there was no Jordanian option, or a Palestinian

option or an Israeli option, "but there is only one option, that is comprehensive peace in the area."

The PLO, the King said, is more responsible now than ever. "It is in a position to be directly responsible to represent the Palestinians."

The PLO, the King said, is soul-reaching to come up with the right answers.

The King blamed Israeli extremists for the failure of peace efforts in the past. He voiced hope that the Israelis would make up their mind and make their contribution for the cause of peace.

### Superpower role

The King added that he also hoped that the United States would adopt a positive attitude to resolve the problem, "which is a threat to world peace and regional peace and a threat to generations to come in this area."

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## Mubarak underlines Jordan's role

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said that there was no contradiction between Palestinian and Jordanian interests as both sides seek to end Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. In a statement published by the Cairo daily Al Ahran, Mubarak said that any rational Palestinian policy should take into consideration the special Jordanian-Palestinian relationship and should recognise Jordan's basic role in the peace-making process.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is now shouldering full responsibility for the Palestinians and ought to be very careful and must take positive and bold steps that can best serve the Palestinian people's interests, Mubarak said.

He said that His Majesty King Hussein enjoys worldwide respect and appreciation and his policies had resulted in positive influence on many countries' attitudes. The PLO should realise, Mubarak said, that Jordan has interest in ending the Israeli occupation because it has long borders with Israel and that its own interests can be by no means infringed on those of the Palestinians.

### Taba ruling

Mubarak also warned that Egyptian-Israeli relations would suffer if Israel stalled in implementing an international ruling on the Taba beachfront.

Mubarak also said Israel

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## 2 Gaza protesters wounded

OCCUPIED GAZA STRIP (Agencies) — Israeli troops shot and wounded two Palestinians during clashes with demonstrators in Jabalya and Deir Al Balah refugee camps Friday.

Palestinians in the occupied West Bank city of Hebron staged a strike in protest against what was seen as an intentional collision between an Israeli prison truck and a Palestinian car this week. Three Palestinians died in the collision.

In another development, police spokesman Mordechai Bareket denied that 42-year-old Hader Ali Abu Hamdi, whose body was found near Yatta, south of Hebron, this week, was a collaborator with the occupation authorities.

The village headman of Zawiya near Tulkarem, a suspected collaborator, was attacked during the night by Palestinians but alerted soldiers by shooting in the air with an Israeli-issued weapon, sources said.

At least 309 Palestinians have died in the 10-month-old uprising.

On Thursday, Palestinians staged wildcat strikes in two West Bank cities and 11 were reported shot in clashes.

Masked Palestinians enforced a strike in Hebron and Nablus to protest the deaths of five Palestinians, including two boys shot by troops and the three teachers killed in the collision.

In Hebron, masked protesters blocked roads leading to the main cemetery and burned tires in the streets, as hundreds of protesters raised the Palestinian flag and hurled rocks at troops during the funeral of the car accident victims.

The teachers were killed in a crash with an Israeli prison's service truck Wednesday.

A boy was wounded in Hebron and five others were shot in clashes in nearby towns and villages, hospital officials said.

In Nablus, stores shut down to protest Tuesday's killings of a five-year-old boy and a 14-year-old.

In the southern Gaza Strip Thursday, troops shot and wounded five protesters with plastic bullets. One was a 12-year-old boy who was hit in the head and seriously wounded, doctors said.

An elderly Arab reporter in Gaza City, Hikmet Barzak, said he was hit by an egg when troops hurled eggs and stones at passers-by from a roof overlooking the city's central Omar Al Mukhtar street.

In Bethlehem, merchants closed their shops to protest a raid by tax collectors who went from shop-to-shop, escorted by dozens of soldiers, demanding payment of overdue taxes.

Uprising leaders have called on Palestinians not to pay taxes as part of a campaign of civil disobedience.

## Iran unhappy over pace of talks

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iran's chief justice, Abdol Karim Mousavi Ardebili, said Friday that Tehran was unhappy with the slow pace of peace talks with Iraq but would not upset the U.N.-mediated negotiations.

"We are not satisfied with the stalemate in the peace process," he said in a Friday prayer sermon broadcast on Tehran Radio. "But no one should think that Iran will run out of patience and turn against the United Nations and the Security Council."

No date has been set for the next round of talks between the foreign minister of Iran and Iraq, though they are expected to open under supervision of U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in Geneva before the end of October.

Iran contended Thursday that an Iraqi proposal for an exchange of war prisoners was just an excuse to derail the negotiations,

stalled over Baghdad's demand for war debris to be cleared from the Shatt Al Arab border waterway.

Despite the Iranian stand, Iraq repeated Thursday its offer to start a full-scale exchange of prisoners of war (PoWs) with Iran.

"Iraq agreed to start the process of exchanging prisoners of war because it is one of the human issues which should have priority provided that Iran virtually does the same," the Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

The spokesman said Baghdad accepted a memorandum from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) urging the two countries "to put an end to the suffering of PoWs by returning all of them to their countries."

He said the ICRC had proposed a draft plan starting with a

comprehensive registration process. "The committee emphasised that wounded and sick PoWs should be urgently exchanged," he said.

"Iraq explained that its agreement to that procedure is not related to other issues included in U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 and does not affect its implementation according to the sequence of its items."

The ICRC estimates there may be up to 70,000 Iraqi prisoners in Iranian camps. Baghdad says it holds up to 35,000 Iranians.

Iraq initially made its offer in a note to the ICRC Monday, saying the exchange was a humanitarian matter not tied to other provisions of Resolution 598.

U.N. Press Secretary Francois Guiliani told reporters in New York he did not know if any progress was being made on the question.

## Deadly hurricane bears down on C. America

MANAGUA (Agencies) — Hurricane Joan resumed its deadly trek towards Central America Friday after its heavy rains caused flooding and mudslides in Venezuela and Colombia that killed at least 26 people.

Costa Rica became the second country in two days to declare a state of emergency because of the storm, which National Emergency Committee President Manuel Qabando said threatens "devastation and death."

Nicaragua declared an emergency Thursday.

More than 37,000 people have evacuated Caribbean coastal areas, where a hurricane watch was in force. Light rain was falling in Bluefields, Nicaragua, but skies were clear along portions of Costa Rica's coast.

Joan's rains set off mudslides Wednesday and Thursday that swallowed wooden huts and left at least 11 people dead in the

poorest neighbourhoods of Caracas, Venezuela. The storm killed 15 people in Colombia, injured 50, and left tens of thousands homeless when it swept the Guajira peninsula Monday.

Hurricane warnings were in effect for the Colombian islands of San Andres and neighbouring Albuquerque and Providencia.

"It's better to leave before we get killed," said Teresa Wilson, who fled the Nicaraguan coastal village of Bluff with her seven children.

At 1300 GMT Friday, Joan's centre was about 105 kilometres southeast of San Andres and about 275 kilometres east-southeast of Bluefields, Nicaragua, said a statement from the U.S. National Hurricane Centre.

Joan's "eye" was expected to crash ashore no earlier than Saturday morning, but forecasters said the storm's leading edge would batter the coast of Nicaragua and Costa Rica well before landfall.

The hurricane centre predicted Joan would unleash storm tides two to three metres above normal near its point of landfall.

By early Friday Joan's storm system had already blanketed parts of Central America, buffeting the Costa Rican coast with fierce waves, forecasters said. More than 37.5 centimetres of rain was expected in the area over the next few days.

Nicaraguan President Daniel

Ortega, who declared a 30-day state of emergency throughout the country, has appealed for international relief aid.

A massive evacuation continued from the Atlantic coast Friday after as many as 6,000 people, mostly women, children and the elderly, moved inland Thursday.

Around 200,000 people live in the Atlantic coastal area, including 25,000 in Bluefields where most buildings are wooden and on stilts.

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## JTV Channel 2 preview

Sat. — Oct. 22, 1988

8:30 Just The Ten Of Us  
Move It Or Lost It9:00 Documentary: Hot House  
PeopleA Documentary Programme  
about clever children and how to  
encourage and train them to in-  
crease their intelligence.

9:30 Saturday Variety Show

10:20 Feature Film

The Day of The Dolphin

Starring:  
George C. Scott  
Trish Van DevereMisguided fable about the efforts  
of dedicated scientist trying to  
train a dolphin to talk, while  
simultaneously participating in a  
counter intelligence scheme in-  
volving political assassination.

Sun. — Oct. 23, 1988

8:30 Throb

9:10 Documentary: The Silk  
Road

Xuang Zang's Travels in India

Xuang Zang, of Tang Dynasty  
China, was both a famed priest  
and a great traveller in his own  
right. Leaving China in the 7th  
century A.D., he made hisarduous way to India, returning  
home after 18 years of travel.This programme traces his  
journey to Budagaya, where the  
Buddha attained enlightenment.  
Today, however, most of the  
population is Hindu, and in Alla-  
habad on the Ganges River we  
visit their huge Kumbh Mele  
bathing ceremony, held once ev-  
ery twelve years.

10:20 Magnum

Transitions

11:10 Some Mothers

Do 'Ave Em

Mon. — Oct. 24, 1988

8:30 Ever Decreasing Circles

9:10 Enemy At The Door  
Post Mortem10:20 Play of the Week  
The Mask of LoveA young writer is searching for  
the private life of a deceased  
famous writer through his rela-  
tives and girlfriend.

Tue. — Oct. 25, 1988

8:30 Who's The Boss

Angela Gets Fired

9:10 The Soldier of Fortune

10:20 Hunter

A child is Born

11:10 Specials  
What Will Survive Of Us Is Love  
Laurence OlivierA one-hour programme of Laur-  
ence Olivier's private life at his  
country home, with his wife, and  
his daughter.

Wed. — Oct. 26, 1988

8:30 Kate and Allie

9:10 Documentary: Korea  
The Unknown War  
An Entirely New WarOn Dec. 1, 1950 the United  
Nations forces in North Korea  
were in deep trouble. The "home  
by Christmas" offensive ended in  
disaster when the Chinese Peo-  
ple's Volunteers (CPV) began a  
massive counter-attack. Fighting  
in intense cold and mainly at  
night to escape American air sup-  
port, the Chinese and re-grouped  
North Koreans forced the U.N.  
into headlong retreat back south  
towards the 38th Parallel. In the  
eastern mountains the 1st Marine  
Division was encircled at the  
Chosin Reservoir and had to fight  
its way back from a badly overex-  
tended position sustaining terri-  
ble losses.

10:20 Gentlemen and Players

Boforth saved the daughter of  
Savage from some intruders and  
then he accompanied her in  
romantic trips.

11:10 Married With Children

Thu. — Oct. 27, 1988

8:30 Bill Cosby Show  
Bring Them Back Alive

9:10 Beauty and the Beast

Siege

10:20 Feature Film  
Carnival StoryStarring:  
Anne Baxter  
Steve Cochran  
George NaderTragedy ensues when two men  
love a beautiful carnival high-  
diving star. Heavy-handed drama  
good performance.

Fri. — Oct. 28, 1988

8:30 Charles In Charge  
Speech9:10 Hannay  
Death With Due NoticeA quiet break in the country  
turns into a weekend of murder  
when Richard Hannay and Reg-  
gie Armitage discover they are  
targets for a demented killer.

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Three's Company  
Bird Song

A marine rifleman rests during a brief lull in bitter fighting on Sept. 4, 1980. Korea: The Unknown War on JTV Wednesday at 9:10.

Janet gets free tickets to a Frank  
Sinatra concert, which both Jack  
and Chrissy covet. Both of them  
attempt to bribe the tickets from  
her by catering to her every  
whim, which includes caring for a  
parakeet Mr. Roper has en-trusted to Janet until he can give  
it to Mrs. Roper for their  
anniversary. Jack finally gets the  
tickets, only to have to give them  
up to Roper to replace the bird he  
thinks he's accidentally killed.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

**KING RECEIVES COSSIGA'S CABLE:** His Majesty King Hussein Friday received a cable from the Italian President Francesco Cossiga who was flying over the Jordanian air space. Cossiga voiced appreciation to the ties of friendship between his country and Jordan, wishing the King continued good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity (Petra).**CABLE TO SOMALIA:** His Majesty King Hussein Thursday sent a cable to Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre, congratulating him in his own name and on behalf of the government and people of Jordan on Somalia's National Day. The King wished Barre continued good health and happiness and the Somali people further progress and prosperity (Petra).**FOREST TREES:** The Agriculture Department in Balqa Governate will plant 3,000 dunums in Eira, Yarga and Wadi Shueib areas with forest trees and 5,000 dunums with grazing plants to provide food for livestock (Petra).**JORDAN VALLEY LAND:** The Jordan Valley Authority will no longer acquire land owned by people in the various towns and villages of the Valley and will therefore allow owners of the land to parcelate them and build on them or sell them, according to the JVA President Mohammad Bani Hani (Petra).**RUSEIFA ROAD CONSTRUCTION:** Ruseifa Municipality has offered JD 125,000 contract for the construction of roads in Ruseifa and another contract for fencing of the Pepsi Cola pond (Petra).**ABBADI RETURNS:** Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry Secretary General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi has returned home after taking part in an expert group meeting on reorganisation of Zakat management and social welfare, held recently in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum (Petra).**AMMOURI EXHIBITION:** A nine-day art exhibition by Alia Ammouri was opened Thursday evening at the Alia Art Gallery in Amman by Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hisham Al Khatib. On display are 38 "watercolour" paintings depicting the natural environment in Jordan (Petra).**SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG INDUSTRIES:** Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Arab Company for Drugs and Medical Appliances (ACDIMA) will hold its third symposium on Arab drug industries, and their problems and challenges, in cooperation with the Supreme Committee for Drug Affairs on Monday (Petra).

## PLAZA

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**Sunday & everyday**

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Yorkshire Pudding  
Baked Potato  
Garden Peas  
Followed by  
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**ANDALUSIA**

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18:35 Educational programme	19:00 News in French
18:45 News summary	19:05 Un DB de Plus
19:05 Family programme	19:30 News in Hebrew
19:35 Programme review	19:45 Medicinal drug
20:00 News in Arabic	20:00 News in Arabic
20:35 Arabic series	20:30 Growing Pains
21:35 Programme review	21:00 Hot House People
21:45 Arabic play	21:30 Saturday Variety Show
23:00 News summary in Arabic	22:00 News in English
23:10 Arabic play (contd.)	22:20 Feature film: "The Day of the Dolphin"

## RADIO JORDAN

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& partly on 9500 KHz. SW  
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PROGRAMME ONE	PROGRAMME TWO
07:00 Morning Show	07:30 News
07:30 News	08:00 News Summary
08:00 News Summary	08:30 Morning Show Contd.
08:30 Morning Show Contd.	09:00 The Story of Motown
09:00 The Story of Motown	09:30 News Summary
09:30 News Summary	10:00 Pop Session
10:00 Pop Session	10:30 Pop Session
10:30 Pop Session	11:00 News Bulletin
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11:30 Jordan Weekly	12:00 Concert Hour
12:00 Concert Hour	12:30 News Summary
12:30 News Summary	13:00 Instrumental/Old Favourites
13:00 Instrumental/Old Favourites	13:30 Special Feature
13:30 Special Feature	14:00 Good Old Days
14:00 Good Old Days	14:30 News Summary
14:30 News Summary	15:00 Top Twenty
15:00 Top Twenty	15:30 News/Music
15:30 News/Music	16:00 The Young Sound
16:00 The Young Sound	16:30 Discovering Music
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Royal Cultural Centre	Tel. 6610267
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American Centre library	641520
British Council	6361478
French Cultural Centre	637009
Goethe Institute	641993
Soviet Cultural Centre	644203
Spanish Cultural Centre	624049
Turkish Cultural Centre	639777
Haya Arts Centre	665195
Husseini Youth City	6671816
Y.W.C.A.	641793
Y.W.M.C.A.	644251
Amman Municipal Library	637111
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Abdul Hamid Shoman	672541
Foundation	672541
Amman Municipal Library	637111

## MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Feldore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Crucial Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

## JORDAN NATIONAL GALLERY

Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

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Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

## SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphian Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2:00 p.m.

Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

## CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590.

Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Sunday English mass (summer time 6 p.m., winter time 5 p.m.).

## TERRASANTA CHURCH (Roman Catholic)

Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel. 622366.

Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383, chaplain's residence tel. 601359.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.

Armenian International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 685326.

Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295.

Balshor Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenical English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) 815817, 821264.

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## ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

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04:30	Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)	
05:00	Agaba (RJ)	
05:15	New Delhi (RJ)	
05:18	Damascus (RJ)	
05:30	Cairo (RJ)	
05:35	Dhahran (RJ)	

## OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

Flight	From	Time
09:48	Kuwait (RJ)	
09:55	Karachi, Dubai (RJ)	
10:00	Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)	
10:20	Miami, Vienna (RJ)	
10:30	New York, Montreal (RJ)	
10:38	Athens (RJ)	
10:45	Copenhagen, Frankfurt (RJ)	
10:50	Miami, Vienna (RJ)	
10:58	Tripoli (RJ)	

## DEPARTURES ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)

Flight	To	Time
06:45	Agaba (RJ)	
10:30	Tripoli (RJ)	
11:00	Bahrain, New York (RJ)	
11:10	Athens (RJ)	
11:30	Frankfurt, Brussels (RJ)	
11:45	Geneva, Madrid (RJ)	
12:00	London (RJ)	
12:15	Paris (RJ)	
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06:20	Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)	
06:15	Beirut (ME)	
06:45	Cairo (MS)	
06:50	Kuwait (LN)	
06:55	Riyadh (SV)	
07:00	Baghdad (IA)	
07:05	Damascus (AZ)	
07:10	Kuwait (KU)	
07:15	Frankfurt, Damascus (LH)	

## WEATHER

## Al Hussein confers medals on Iraqi chief, delegation

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday conferred on Iraqi Armed Forces Chief of Staff Nizar Abdul Karim Faisal, Jordan's Military Medal of the First Order and awarded members of his delegation distinguished Jordanian medals.

The medals were presented to Faisal and his delegation by Armed Forces Chief of Staff Fathi Abu Taleb at a meeting in the army headquarters in the presence of senior military officers.

The two sides discussed Jordanian-Iraqi military cooperation before the Iraqi team left for home.

Faisal and his delegation had toured a number of military positions in Jordan and met with high ranking army officers.

## Hamzeh opens 2 health centres

DEIR ABI SA'ID (Petra) — Two Health Centres for the northern towns of Kurf Rakeb and Janin Al Safa were opened Thursday by Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh who said in a speech at the ceremony that his ministry was pursuing efforts to ensure health services for all people by the year 2000.

Next year will witness a new development in the primary health care centres in Jordan when specialists will be appointed to provide better medical care and the ministry will embark on building comprehensive centres for areas with 30,000 to 35,000 citizens and more, the minister noted.

The ministry, Hamzeh added, strives to ensure at least one midwife for every centre, and has plans to establish a new centre for nurse training in Irbid to offer midwifery and nursing courses.

The minister heard a briefing about the medical and health situation in the region from local officials and said that preliminary studies have been made to set up a hospital in Deir Abi Sa'id to meet the growing need for services not available at the existing health centres.

Hamzeh later inspected the local health centre and examined plans for its expansion. He inspected the nearby Sammou' health centre and discussed with the town mayor prospects for expanding its services.

## Standardisation meeting opens today

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman-based Arab Organisation for Standardisation and Metrology (AOSM) will open its 21st meeting here Saturday, with the participation of delegates from all Arab countries.

The four-day meeting will hear a report by the organisation's secretary general on the implementation of resolutions passed by the two earlier sessions in the past year and reports by specialised committees on progress of work in unifying standards and specifications of various products in the Arab World.

A two-day meeting by directors of specifications and standards departments in the Arab World concluded in Amman Thursday.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ Photo exhibition at the Soviet Cultural Centre.
- ☆ An art exhibition entitled "Bait Al 'Arabi," by Hana Sadik Beraudo, at the Royal Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Book exhibition: "Individual, Sport and Olympic Games," at the Deanship of Students Affairs, Yarmouk University.
- ☆ Children's book exhibition, at the Women's Cultural, Social and Sports Club, Amman.
- ☆ Exhibition: Photographs and maps of archaeological sites, at the Goethe Institute.
- ☆ A paintings exhibition by Alla Al Shanti Ammoura, at Alla Art Gallery, Insurance Building, Jabal Amman.
- ☆ An exhibition of paintings by Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel — 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### FILM

- ☆ A video film entitled "Impressions d'Orsay," at the French Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.
- ☆ A German film entitled "I Want only That You Love Me" subtitled in English, at the Goethe Institute — 8:00 p.m.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan receives participants of the Third International Seminar on Islamic Arts at the Royal Court Thursday (Petra photo)

## Khasawneh stresses role of media in spreading awareness to the public

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Hani Khasawneh has emphasised the role of information services in spreading awareness among members of the public, and underlined the need to counter all harmful rumours under the present circumstances.

The information media, including radio and television, ought to be aware of all attempts that could be designed to shake the people's confidence, and should help mobilise all people's potentials and enlist their participation in a constructive manner that would be conducive to continued

progress and prosperity, the minister said at a meeting with radio and television news editors and script writers.

Information services, he said, should be employed to help people do away with harmful customs of excessive consumption and lavish spending, and should serve as a guidance to the public in the process of construction and in enhancing the national economy.

Referring to the government's recent economic and monetary measures, he said, they represented a joint endeavour by the government and the public to

help the Kingdom forge ahead with the development process with more confidence.

The information services, the minister added, should be ready to counter hostile and suspect campaigns directed against Jordan and the Kingdom's institutions in the light of the new government decisions.

The meeting was attended by 32 participants in a training course in script writing being held by the Radio and Television Corporation, as well as the corporation director and other officials.

## Seminar urges boosting housing operations in rural, urban areas

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-day seminar on the reduction of housing costs ended in Amman Thursday and issued a set of recommendations designed to boost housing operations in urban and rural areas of Jordan.

The seminar, attended by some 160 participants from various government ministries, the Housing Corporation, real estate offices and other organisations in Jordan, reviewed 17 working papers dealing with the question of land, building operations, financing housing schemes and economic and social studies affiliated to these subjects, according to a final statement.

The statement underlined resolutions and recommendations adopted by a national housing strategy conference held earlier in the country, and emphasised the need to carry out housing projects in rural areas close to factories and other production centres, and to benefit from loans offered to local councils by the Cities and Villages Development Bank.

The statement called on the government to revise fees imposed on licensing buildings, especially for limited and low-income people, and to facilitate the process of issuing these licences.

It urged financial institutions and banks to initiate a savings scheme for people in rural regions to help them save sufficient funds for housing. The statement called on the concerned authorities to include a special provision on homes for low-income families in the Jordanian national building code, to speed up work on this code and put it into force as soon as possible.

The statement stressed the need for Jordanians to employ locally-produced building materials, and called on the government to train and classify those employed in building to help provide better quality housing for the beneficiaries.

It said that a guidebook and instructions on low-cost housing

can and should help cut expenses. Before housing estates are built, the statement said, a social and economic survey ought to be conducted to determine the needs and the desires of beneficiaries.

The statement called on the government to set up a committee comprising representatives of the Housing Corporation, the Urban Development Corporation, the Royal Scientific Society, the Housing Bank and the private sector to follow up the implementation of these resolutions.

## Symposium to discuss technology in rural areas

AMMAN (Petra) — A four-day regional symposium on the role of educational institutions in spreading knowledge and technology in the rural areas of the Arab World will be held here on Nov. 28.

The symposium, which will be organised by Mu'ta University in

## Seminar on Islamic arts ends

# Experts recommend setting up regional Islamic art centre

By Rania Atalla  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Participants of the Third International Seminar on Islamic Arts ended their meeting here Thursday, adopting as one of their recommendations a suggestion by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan to set up a regional centre to exchange information on Islamic art with "centres of excellence" in the U.S. and Europe.

Seminar participants also decided to adopt an appeal made by Gazan artist Leila Shawwa to work on establishing a body that would defend and protect Islamic culture in occupied Palestine.

During the three-day seminar, entitled "Problems of Art Education in Islamic Countries," more than 60 Islamic art scholars and connoisseurs from universities, art museums and institutions in 24 countries analysed the state of art education in the Islamic World.

Participants at the symposium felt "...there is need to pool ideas and information" both with historic Islamic art and contemporary art. They welcomed Prince Hassan's suggestion "to set up regional centres for research and information in this field, for the Middle East, Far East and the Western World."

The Royal Society of Fine Arts (RSFA), which had already established a data bank on contemporary art and artists of the Islamic World, was designated as the centre for the Middle East, the recommendation stated.

The London-based Islamic Arts Foundation, which along with the RSFA cosponsored the seminar, was designated to be the centre for the Western World. The location of a suitable centre for South Asian and the Far East were to be decided later.

Further, the recommendations read, seminar participants felt there was a need for an "Islamic perspective to enhance and deepen the understanding and appreciation of art forms" which developed in the Islamic World over a long period of time and in different cultural and geographic contexts.

Participants expressed satisfaction over the fact that in most countries of the Islamic World represented in the seminar, art

education programmes were "in various stages of research and preparation." They felt there was a need for authentic field surveys and noted that the pilot project in Jordan entitled "Survey Study of Problems Pertaining to Art Education," was "a useful model" that should be adapted to develop a standard format of enquiry for all countries of the Islamic World.

A consensus among participants was reached that Islamic art history and education should be introduced as a subject at the primary, secondary, and university levels in Islamic countries. Participants suggested that the Organisation of Islamic Conference be requested to convey the proposal to all member-countries for a coordinated action.

### Occupied territories

Action on defence of the Islamic heritage in Palestine came when Leila Shawwa asked participants to bring to the attention of the world the "cultural massacre" that is being carried out in the occupied territories.

The conference adopted Shawwa's remarks within their recommendations.

"The Islamic face of Palestine is eroding very fast and will continue to put an end to this barbaric onslaught," Shawwa said.

She noted that Israeli archaeologists had filled their houses and museums with Islamic and non-Islamic art objects and had provided the international art market with such objects. The world was filled with disguised Israeli dealers of Islamic art, she said.

Shawwa said that in occupied Palestine, educational institutions faced a more fundamental problem in art education, indeed in education as a whole — that of keeping educational institutions open and operating in the face of Israeli measure to close them.

In her concluding remarks, Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Ali, President of the RSFA, said that one of the problems that the field of Islamic art faces is the "lack of patronage."

"In the Muslim countries, patronage should be the responsibility of Muslim scholars," she said. She urged participating scholars to act as "patrons of the next generation (in order to) help people learn about their heritage."

She also urged participants to keep the fight against extremism and to preserve the universality of Islam. "The centralism of ideas, acts and thoughts has to be defended. This is our responsibility," she concluded.

Crown Prince Hassan received the conference participants at the Royal Court Thursday evening and thanked them for their constructive efforts in focusing attention on problems of art education in Islamic countries and for their efforts of analysing these problems and finding proper solutions.

Prince Hassan suggested the allocation of a prize for those who excel in the field of Islamic art. He set the criteria and bases for such a prize along the lines of both the King Faisal and Aga Khan Awards.

The Crown Prince offered symbolic gifts to both Professor Geza Ferhervari, head of the Near Eastern Department at University of London's School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS), and Jalalul Din Ahmad, head of the Islamic Arts Foundation.

Attending the meeting was His Royal Highness Prince Nayef Ibn Ali, Private Chamberlain to His Majesty King Hussein.

**SPACE EXPLORATION:** The American Cultural Centre Tuesday shows a live television dialogue on space exploration, during which participants including Farouq Al Baz of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Prince Sultan Ibn Salman Al Saud and others, will talk about international cooperation in space exploration and practical applications of space technology (J.T.).

## Police move to end latest case of 'evocation of spirits'

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) has moved to put an end to what it called "acts of magic" and "evocation of spirits" that have been performed by Samir Karabashi, a Jordanian citizen through his Iraqi-born wife who served a medium, in such practices.

Colonel Youssef Gharaibeh, the Amman Police Department director, told a press conference Thursday that the husband, who had been involved in earlier cases of evocation of spirits and magic, will be prosecuted for his illegal practices while his wife will be provided with proper medical and psychological treatment.

Gharaibeh said that police made the move in order to end confusion among members of the public who thronged the Karabashi home at Jabal Luweibdeh

after they heard the rumour about a vision of the Virgin Mary that appeared to Lina Karabashi.

Citizens visited Lina's home, day and night, hoping to get a blessing from the woman and so causing disturbance to the neighbourhood, Gharaibeh noted.

He said that police interfered to put an end to any abuse to religion and any harm that would ensue as a consequence.

A committee of specialists and the PSD was set up to investigate the situation and reported that 21-year-old Lina Karabashi had suffered a severe leg injury when she was six years old and had undergone 16 surgical operations, the last of which was conducted at the Al Hussein Medical Centre during this month.

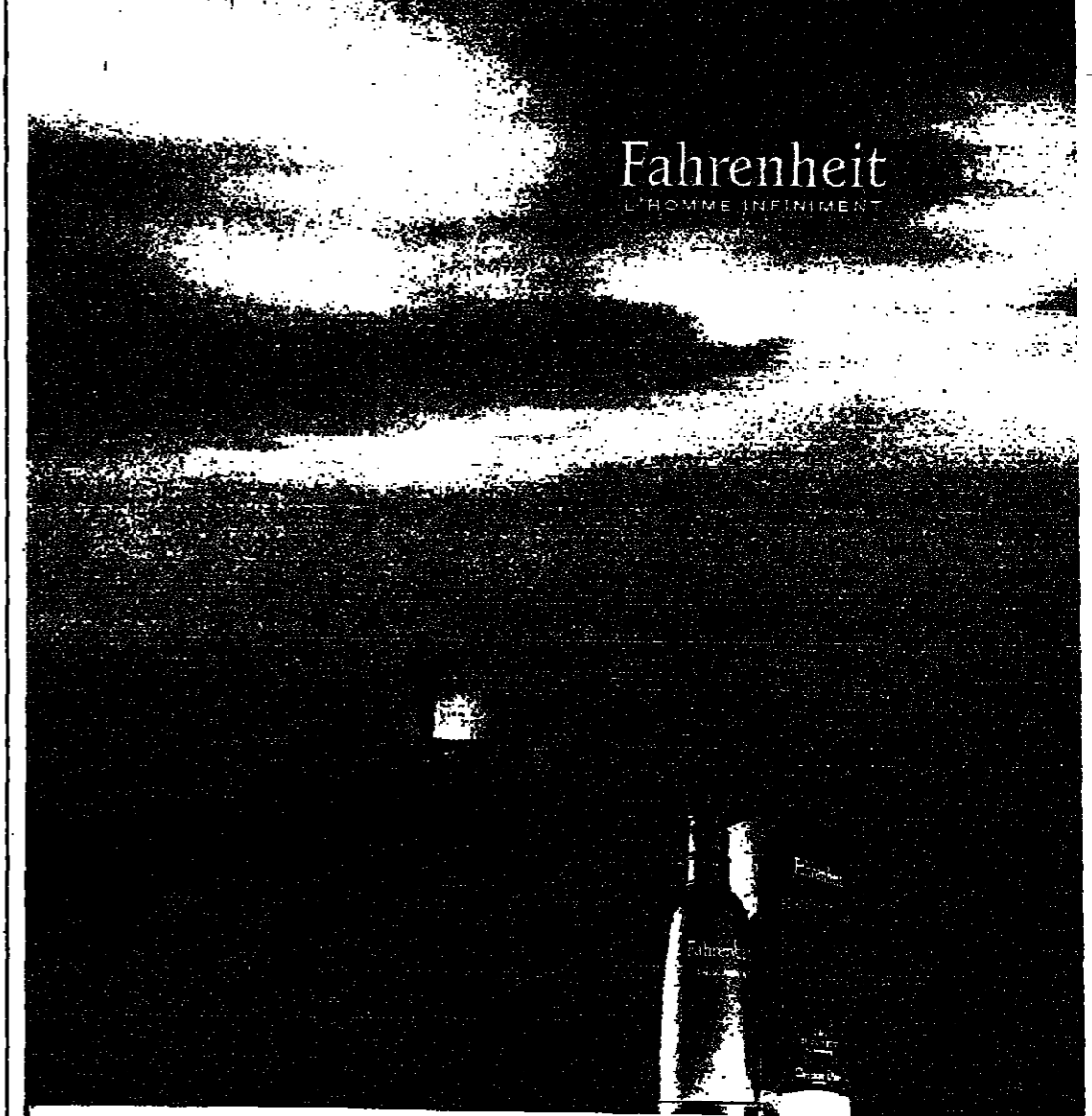
The woman was discharged from hospital temporarily on condition that medical treatment will be resumed later on, the report said.

But according to the report the woman was in a difficult mental condition due to psychological disturbances which were accompanied by hysterical fits, hallucinations and a subsequent trance during which she was exposed to severe pain.

The report recommended that Lina should be re-admitted to hospital for further psychological and medical treatment and was subsequently examined by a team of specialists, according to Gharaibeh.

Gharaibeh said that the reported contacts with the Virgin Mary were all falsehoods intended as a means of embezzling money from the public.

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ment collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, the Bronx Museum, the Smithsonian and the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris. Khalil is now venturing back to show his work more extensively in the area from which he originally hailed.

And exciting work it is too. As is often the case with artists who have made that very difficult

synthesis between East and West. Khalil's prints are totally unique. Built up, collage like, of the reproduced images of found objects such as postage stamps — rows of them, franked and unfranked — the covers of popular magazines, comic trips and sweet wrappers, the image is then overlaid with patterns and textures, layer upon layer.

In the black and white versions, this overlay is so dense that the whole image becomes dark and threatening, the masses of black assuming a life of their own, to hover ghostlike above the main plane of the image. Texture, overlay, hovering above, all words used to describe these prints, one of whose chief characteristics paradoxically is a strong feeling of flatness, of two dimensions.

But then Khalil's work is full of paradoxes. Take for example the darkness, the blackness of his work. Achieved by a chaotic scribbling and scratching, by a haphazard application of textures and weaves, this powerful overlay manages to impart incredibly a feeling that the artist is in total control. The prints are tight, solid, totally balanced.

Then there is the contradictory feelings given by the actual images used, as for example next to a picture postcard scene is juxtaposed another photograph of a group of menacingly hooded men.

Highly intellectual, these works stimulate and tease the imagination and the impact of Khalil's monumentally huge prints, that are one and half metres square, is stunningly unique.

The colour prints, while composed in much the same way, are lighter in mood and intensity, the bold clear colours adding a touch of energy and spirit. In all his prints Khalil combines, as Helel Khal writes, "a mastery technique and high talent," and this small collection of his work here in Amman shows us why Khalil is so highly thought of among American printmakers.

The artist is visiting Amman to attend the opening of his show which will be between 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday Oct. 20. The exhibition will be open to the public until Nov. 3.



One of the prints on display at the exhibition of Sudanese artist Mohammad Khalil

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### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

#### Friday's

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Friday commented on the carbomb attack on Israeli troops in south Lebanon which led to the death of seven Israeli officers and soldiers. The attack was a clear sign of the failure of Israel's concept of secure boundaries based on occupation of other countries' land, very much like the total collapse of Israel's doctrine represented in the Bar Lev line built along the Suez Canal, the paper noted. It is strange, said the paper, to see Israel still clinging to its old futile strategies of security zones despite repeated instances in which the oppressed people found ways of shattering the Jewish state's dreams whether in Palestine or in Lebanon. Security in the true sense can only be established and achieved in the absence of occupation and only when Israel's repressive measures against the Arab people have ended, the paper added. Furthermore, it said the new threats of Israel's leaders against the Lebanese resistance can only help to escalate tension and take peace further away from the region.

Sawt Al Shaab daily tackled the national economy and echoed a favourite reaction by Jordanian industrialists to the government's recent monetary measures. The positive reaction reflects a sense of responsibility and national commitment, the paper said. The paper commended the industrialists' call on various businesses to step up efforts for more and better quality products which they said would bring in more confidence and strengthen the country's economy and national currency. Hard currency, the paper said, can come by improving the quality of products and exports, which the industrialists have pledged to undertake. It said only through concerted efforts by all citizens and by preventing a drain of the country's resources can the national economy be bolstered.

Al Dustour daily stressed that Jordan can and will be able to adapt to the new economic situation; and has the power to stand firm in the face of economic challenges. Jordan is part of a region which has been subjected to difficult economic circumstances; and has naturally been affected by the developments and the events in the neighbouring states, the paper said. It reminded its readers that the Kingdom had benefited from the years of boom and achieved high economic rates of growth; and said it is time for all citizens to help their country adapt to the new situation by rationalising spending and readjusting their norm of life to match the new circumstances.

#### Thursday's

Al Ra'i Arabic daily editorialised Thursday for the fourth day running on the prime minister's televised statements on the economic and monetary issues of Jordan. Describing Mr. Rifai's statements as bold and frank, the paper said that they also manifested the government's keenness in involving the public in a serious responsibility towards their country and future. It is time, said the paper, for all Jordanians to realise the need to adapt to the new situation and understand that they have to maintain solidarity in the face of the new challenge and work together to maintain the process of development.

Al Dustour daily described the recent government measures as a natural response to the economic situation that has prevailed not only in Jordan but also in the Arab region at large. The economic and financial measures are designed to bring Jordan in line with a new phase of adaptation with the economic situation and to exploit the national potential in the building and development process, the paper said. The government, the paper continued, has made a balance between imports and our real requirements; and has charted a new policy for the private and public sectors to help Jordan maintain the momentum of development at all levels. The recent response by the economic, industrial and social organisations to the government's measures it said is encouraging and promises a real mobilisation of efforts and resources in serving national interests.

### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

#### Treason

WRITING in Al Ra'i daily, the paper's editor Rakan Al Majali urges the people and the government alike to work together to end any tendency towards profiteering on the part of merchants and store keepers of all kind. The writer criticises merchants who raised prices of their products to high and unprecedented levels without any reasonable justification except for the sake of making quick profit, benefitting from the general belief that prices of imported products will rise now in view of the recent government monetary measures. It is not enough for the government to interfere and protect the consumers, the writer says, but the consumers themselves can also help by either boycotting products, or those merchants who try to manipulate the situation. The writer cites an instance in the United States when merchants tried to raise the prices of coffee and were met by a public boycott that eventually forced them to lower the prices. He says profiteering and manipulation are tantamount to treason under the current circumstances; and members of the public are demanded to help the government put an end to such practice.

## Demand for UNRWA services rises but income remains static

UNRWA, the United Nations agency for Palestine refugees, is facing emergencies in three of its five fields of operations but its income is not keeping pace with the rising demand on agency services warns the annual report of the commissioner-general released in New York.

In his report for the period July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988, Commissioner-General Giorgio Giacomelli urges the General Assembly to keep this reality in mind when asking UNRWA to take on new tasks or to resume former ones. There is a tendency, says Giacomelli, for each emergency to induce demands for permanent changes in UNRWA's regular programmes and once the crisis subsides and public attention wanes, the extra funding that is readily available to help UNRWA respond to urgent humanitarian needs is often no longer available. Thus the longer-term costs to the agency of meeting extra demands tend to become an

added burden on the regular budget.

The most obvious answer to this divergence between mounting demands and the prospect of, at best, a stable level of income is a viable Middle East peace process that would point the way for UNRWA to begin making plans for gradually relinquishing its responsibilities, says Giacomelli in his report. "In the meantime, to the extent that our resources allow, we will continue to do our best in maintaining services and providing assistance to the Palestine refugees in the Near East."

#### Lebanon

At the beginning of the reporting period, UNRWA was again seeking access to besieged refugee camps in Lebanon with the aim of restarting services to refugees. By the end of the period, the agency had been able to repair and reopen most of its installations and UNRWA was

ready to begin a programme of shelter repairs for refugee families. This programme, however, was delayed by further factional fighting in June and July and was not able to begin until Sept. 20.

The problem of security for UNRWA staff was again a major preoccupation. Two international staff members were kidnapped and held for 25 days early in 1988 and four area staff were killed, bringing to 33 the total staff killed in Lebanon since 1982. A further 14 staff were missing or detained as of 30 June, including Alec Collett who was working as an information consultant with UNRWA when he was kidnapped.

#### Occupied territories

Predictions by UNRWA that growing despair and bitterness in the occupied territories over the lack of movement in resolving the problems of refugees would lead to increasing confrontation have come true. At the end of June 1988, the uprising and the reac-

tion of the authorities to it has seen the death of more than 200 Palestinians and some 8,000 injuries from beatings, gunfire, tear gas and rubber bullets.

Measures used by the Israeli authorities have greatly increased the demands on UNRWA's health centres in the occupied territories. Curfews and restrictions on travel and the general security conditions made life difficult for tens of thousands of refugees who were unable to make a living and thus came more and more to rely on UNRWA's relief and food distribution programme. The closure of schools for long periods, especially in the West Bank, resulted in the loss of more than one-third of the teaching time and the agency's four vocational and teacher training centres lost a full year of training.

#### Regular programmes

Over the years since UNRWA began operations in May 1950,

the agency's work has evolved from providing immediate emergency relief and health care to an emphasis on education. But the agency often finds itself working on a double track — providing regular services and also emergency aid to Palestine refugees. This has been especially true during the current reporting period with the Jordan and Syria fields operating normally and the Lebanon, West Bank and Gaza Strip fields providing both regular services and emergency help.

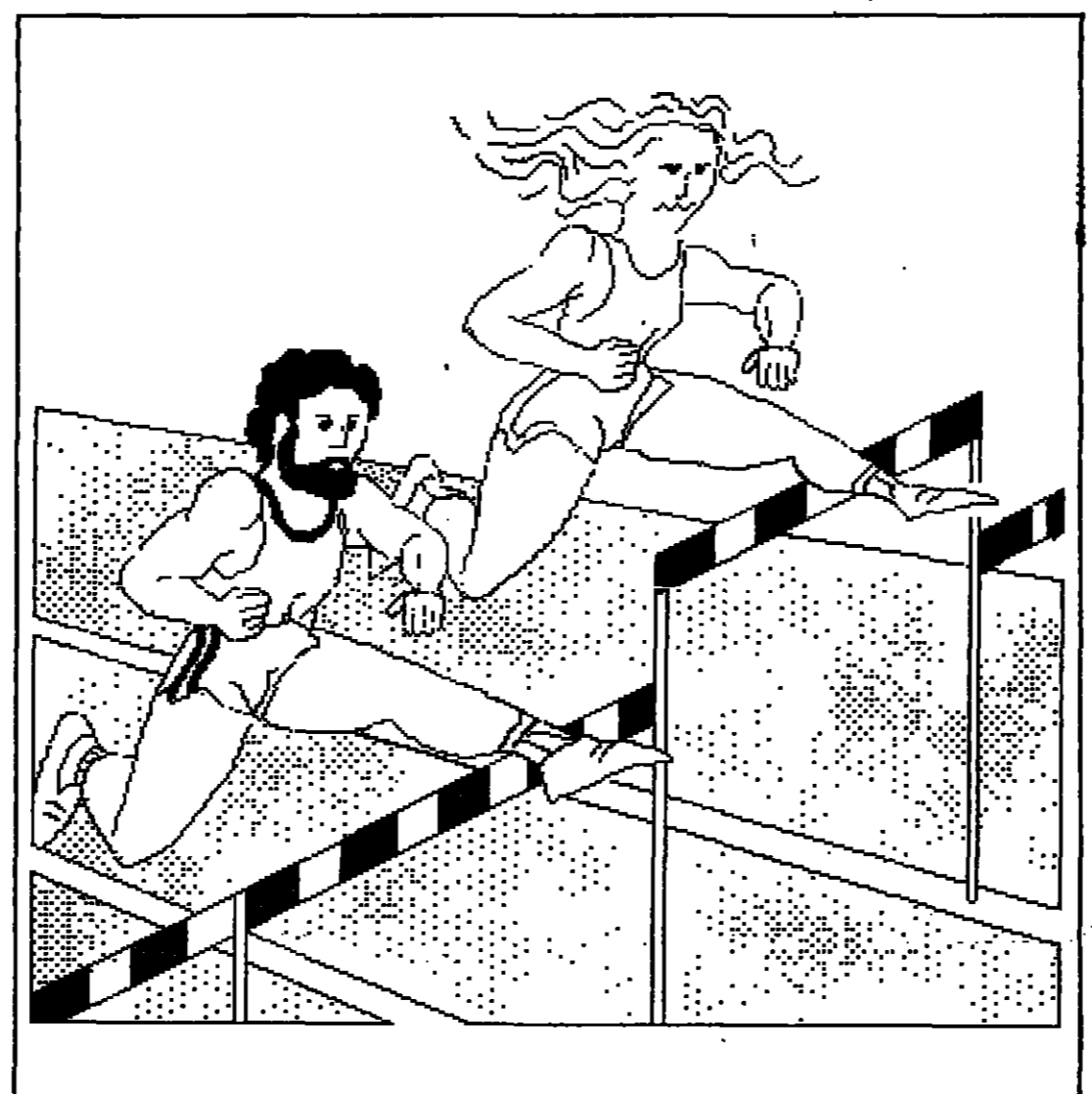
UNRWA's 633 elementary and junior secondary schools provide general education for more than 350,000 young refugees and its training centres have places for 4,754 trainees. Over the past year the agency provided 397 university scholarships for refugee students.

The unsettled situation in Lebanon and casualties in the occupied territories brought about a 20 per cent increase in patient visits to UNRWA's 95

health centres in the five areas of operation over the July 1987 to June 1988 reporting period. The number of visits reached almost 6 million.

Although UNRWA's relief programme usually takes only 10 per cent of the agency's annual budget, deteriorating economic conditions plus emergencies in three fields have brought relief to the forefront again. The number of special hardship cases who receive food, blankets, clothing and minimal cash grants, has increased to 135,375 persons. This still only represents about 5 per cent of the registered refugee population.

As of June 30, 1988, the total registered population reached 2,268,595 persons. Of these, 792,832 lived in 61 refugee camps. The remainder live in the cities and towns of the five areas of operation: Jordan, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, West Bank and Gaza Strip — UNRWA press release.



## Unequal race to the top

BOTH men and women may reach success as entrepreneurs but the routes they take to get there are quite different.

For women the journey is usually more circuitous. For women the reason they start a business is often sheer survival.

The plain fact is that some 35 per cent of households in the world are now headed by women, an ILO study points out. Many cannot depend on an income from husband or family and paid work is the only way to keep a home going.

The numbers of women joining the labour force are rising everywhere, a trend particularly marked among mothers in the cities. But they are also harder hit by unemployment. At the same time fewer openings exist for wage earners — male or female — in established business and industry. Unsurprisingly in these circumstances, more and more women are trying to become their own boss or to find a foothold in small-scale activities in both developed and developing countries.

Small enterprises are on the high road to economic development. They provide an outlet for individual initiative, promote the spread of activity throughout a country and create the most jobs outside agriculture. Self-employment and small businesses suit women. The work can be flexible enough to leave time for other tasks, perhaps be based at home, and may utilise household skills and knowledge.

Recent figures in the United States show that women make up more than 50 per cent of the workforce and own 25 per cent of the businesses. In Finland 30 per cent of all entrepreneurs are women, in Sweden it is 25 per cent, in France 21 per cent and in the Federal Republic of Germany 20 per cent. Canadian women own nearly one enterprise in three and about half of the new jobs generated come from these businesses.

Figures are more difficult to obtain in developing countries. But a 1985 regional survey counted 19.6 per cent of the women in Africa as employers and self-employed workers, 13 per cent in Asia and 15.1 per cent in Latin America.

There are other forces besides survival that propel women into

the business world, according to the study. Topping the list are the so-called "push and pull" factors. "Push" could be the loss of a spouse, unavailability of wage employment or migration, while "pull" includes recognition of market opportunities or influence of an outside person.

Another finding is that although the relationship between educational levels and small enterprise start-up may differ in developing and developed countries, formal education is not a critical element in success. For example, the owner of a large Gambian company says she cannot do mathematics and 39 per cent of the market women in Honduras never went to school.

### "For women the reason they start a business is often sheer survival"

In quite a few developing countries — such as Ghana, Indonesia, the Philippines and Sierra Leone — women play a striking role in commerce. Women entrepreneurs in Sierra Leone have joined forces and trade in such primary commodities as flour, at turnover levels of some \$3.5 million. A tailor in Swaziland makes uniforms for export while a woman in Kenya has her own electronics repair firm and two Indian women have carved out niches as button and hosiery manufacturers.

The point of these success stories is that they are so rare. This is because women have far fewer opportunities than men to develop small enterprises. While to some extent entrepreneurs of both sexes face common obstacles in lack of capital, training and experience, the study pinpoints a number of reasons why it is harder for women to set up shop and forge ahead.

First of all, they must manoeuvre through a maze of prejudices that prevents them from

assuming a more dynamic economic role in many countries.

Then there is the undervaluation of women's work by others and even by themselves, the notion that a woman's only role is to be a wife and mother, lack of confidence in the capacities of businesswomen, limited access to vocational training, legal barriers, difficulties in obtaining capital and credit, inadequate information networks or support services, and competition from big business.

Currently, most existing small-enterprise development programmes are unable to reach women entrepreneurs. In fact, they have been created by men for men. The study finds an alarming lack of knowledge and experience world-wide in promoting self-employment women. It urges systematic response to their specific needs.

Many developing countries are interested in promoting small-scale business and there is a growing demand for ILO assistance in this field.

The ILO is launching pilot training and counselling programmes for women entrepreneurs in some 10 countries in Africa and Asia. The projects are designed for women with low incomes — and especially for heads of households — living in urban or semi-urban areas of operating in the informal sector.

Under an ILO/NORAD project, other support is coming from employers' organisations in such countries as India and the Philippines which have begun awareness campaigns and training for women entrepreneurs. Also the study cites small-enterprise development plans for women by non-governmental organisations in Burkina Faso, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Senegal and Sri Lanka.

Little heeded in the past, particularly in the developing countries, the subject of women entrepreneurs is moving into sharper focus with the realisation that they are an important segment of society. Official action can help through policy changes and programmes — in education and training, marketing, finance and conditions of work. This will make it easier for women to become entrepreneurs and in the process to promote employment — ILO Information Bulletin.

## 345 run for U.S. presidency

By Graham Earnshaw  
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Lenora Fulani doesn't expect to be elected president of the United States on Nov. 8, but she's standing anyway.

So are 322 other people, not counting Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis, the candidates range from the serious contestants presenting themselves as an alternative to the Democrats and Republicans, to the political fringe, to the downright wacky.

The Socialist Workers Party has a candidate. So does the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Voters, based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Al Hamburg of Hell, Wyoming, who once put his dog Woof D. Coyote on the presidential ballot, is also standing this year, but he could not be reached for comment.

The strongest alternative candidates in recent American history were John Anderson, who got 5.7 million votes in the 1980 race against Ronald Reagan and then-President Jimmy Carter, and George Wallace, who took 9.9 million votes in the 1968 contest against Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon.

But the "also-rans" now generally say they're in the race for the world's most powerful elected post to air their often unorthodox views and push the main candidates closer to their own positions.

If the contest between the Democrats and the Republicans is close, the presence of alternative candidates on the ballot could be crucial in some states — or so the longshots hope.

#### Only one alternative candidate

Fulani, a 38-year-old black psychologist from New York who represents the New Alliance Party, is the only alternative candidate to have made it into the ballot in all states.

She argues for arms spending cuts, more welfare spending and the rights of minorities, the poor and homosexuals.

"Across this country the people cry out for a decent life," she said in a campaign speech. "Job training, job opportunities, farm subsidies, decent welfare payments. This is what the people need."

"But when it has come time to select a president of the United States, there have been only two parties on the ballot in every state of the country. Two parties — the Democrats and the Republicans — with a bipartisan loyalty to white corporate America," she added.

With the Communist Party's Gus Hall not on the presidential ballot this year, Socialist Workers Party candidate James Warren is the only standard-bearer for the far left. But one of his aides said his aim wasn't to win votes.

"We haven't been concentrating on asking people to vote for us," said Marica Hinkelgrin. "What we are concentrating on is getting the working people who are thinking about the economic crisis coming down on them right now, to think about perspectives for the future."

At the other end of the political spectrum, the virulently anti-Communist Lyndon Larouche also warns of impending disaster. Larouche, who claims to have been the target of assassination

attempts by such diverse forces as the KGB and the Jewish Defence League, says the Soviet Union will probably invade Western Europe within two years unless the United States tells Moscow more force.

Running as an independent Democrat, Larouche predicts global economic collapse and unprecedented famine which he says will probably lead to the demise of constitutional government in the United States by 1992 if drastic measures are not taken.

Former Senator Eugene McCarthy, a hero of the anti-Vietnam war movement who made a strong bid for the Democratic nomination in 1968, is running again this year as the candidate for the Consumer Party, but only in a handful of states.

#### Liberation party too

Then there is the Liberation Party which, with a platform of extreme economic conservatism and social liberalism, claims to be the third-largest U.S. party after winning nearly one million votes of more than 87 million cast in 1980.

Its candidate Ron Paul, a former Republican congressman, is on the ballot in 47 states. He hopes to capture up to two million votes this year by urging reduced government control over business and the complete decriminalisation of drugs.

"We believe that a person has absolute freedom to do what he wants as long as he or she doesn't hurt others, and take it to the extreme of advocating the legalisation of all drugs, including heroin," said Paul's adviser and son, Randall.

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### King: Peace settlement cannot wait

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The King said he believes that the United States and the Soviet Union can do much in the times ahead and that he had been very encouraged by the mood in the world to resolve problems in the areas where they exist.

The King praised Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, saying "the

Soviet attitude is rather close to what we believe and that there are areas of consensus among the five permanent members of the Security Council on outlining what should be done for progress to be made towards peace in the region."

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### 15 killed in Israeli attack on S. Lebanon

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Shortly after the raids, kidnappers holding at least two American hostages threatened to punish them in retaliation for the attacks.

The threat came in a typewritten statement in Arabic signed by the Islamic Jihad, the pro-Iranian faction holding American journalist Terry Anderson and educator Thomas Sutherland.

One of the two identical statements delivered by Islamic Jihad went to a Western news agency with a tinstamatic colour photograph of Anderson.

The same statement without a photograph was delivered to Beirut's independent Al Nahar newspaper.

The statement paid tribute to the Wednesday's suicide bomber and denounced Israel's retaliatory air strikes.

It then said: "Committing this stupidity and this attack shall not pass without a punishment. The criminal America must realise it will not get away with what it has done, especially in connection with the hostages we hold, so that will be a lesson to whoever strikes at the dignity and glory of our people and Mujahadeen struggles."

The statement accused the U.S. administration of giving advance approval to Israel to hit at Palestinian and pro-Iranian strongholds.

"This is the era of Islam no matter how big the conspiracy grows," the statement said. "It is the era of sacrifices irrespective of the price of martyrdom."

"We pledge to our Islamic nation and the oppressed in the world that we shall remain the watching eye and the long arm to defend their freedom, glory and dignity until victory or martyrdom."

The U.S. State Department Thursday responded to Wednes-

day's suicide bombing with an appeal for security and stability — and without directly calling on Israel to forego retaliation.

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### Mubarak underlines Jordan's role

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would lose credibility if it followed such tactics.

"Anyway, I believe that the next coming days will witness an end to the long and painful carrying out of its obligations under the ruling," Mubarak said.

Egypt, apparently keen to keep its Taba border row with Israel out of the general election campaign there, has requested a delay in implementing the verdict.

It has asked international arbitrators in Geneva, who ruled on Sept. 29 that Egypt owned Taba, to stay in session until mid-November. Foreign Minister Essam Abdel Meguid told reporters Thursday.

The request effectively meant that Egypt was not pressing Israel to negotiate implementation of the verdict until a new government was in office after the Nov. 1 poll.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sudan seeks urgent meeting on Lebanon

**TUNIS (R)** — Sudan called Thursday for an urgent meeting of Arab foreign ministers to discuss the political crisis in Lebanon. An Arab League spokesman said. Spokesman Mohammad Al Maghrebi said Sudan's permanent representative to the league, Jalal Hassan Anabani, presented the request to Secretary General Chadi Klibi in Tunis. Klibi is informing the 21 Arab League members of the proposal and the meeting will take place if at least 11 countries agree, he added. Klibi visited Damascus earlier this week to discuss the Lebanese crisis with Lebanese and Syrian leaders.

### Kuwaiti navy detonates mine in Gulf

**KUWAIT (R)** — The Kuwaiti navy found and destroyed a mine in Kuwait's territorial waters in the northern Gulf, the Kuwait news agency quoted a defence ministry official as saying Thursday. The U.S. navy has found more than 180 mines in its zone of operation in the northern Gulf while other Western navies in the waterway have tracked down scores more.

### Craxi urges U.S. Mideast peace effort

**WASHINGTON (R)** — Former Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi Thursday called for the next U.S. president to quickly press for a Middle East Palestinian solution. "Next year is a year that must not be wasted," Craxi told reporters before a meeting with President Reagan. "I hope the next U.S. administration will place this on its agenda and on the international chessboard with the will to search for a solution," he said.

### British MPs urge ties with Syria

**DAMASCUS (R)** — Four members of Britain's parliament visiting Syria said Thursday it was in the interests of both countries to restore diplomatic relations, the official Syrian news agency SANA reported. It said the four MPs, from the ruling Conservative and the opposition Labour parties, were speaking during a meeting with Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara. "The British delegation expressed the belief that restoration of ties between Syria and Britain was in the interest of both countries and the just peace in the region," the agency said.

### Kurdish ambush kills five villagers

**DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (R)** — Five villagers were killed and four were injured when their tractor was ambushed by Kurdish rebels in southeast Turkey, official sources said Thursday. They said a land mine planted by rebels on a village road near Kozluk, in Sirt province about 130-km north of the Iraqi border, exploded as the tractor drove over it on late Wednesday. Gunmen hidden on both sides of the road then strafed the villagers before fleeing, they said.

### 'Kurdish refugee death rate low'

**DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (R)** — The death rate among more than 50,000 Iraqi Kurdish refugees who poured into Turkey eight weeks ago has averaged less than two a day from all causes, a Turkish official said Thursday. Southeast Anatolia Governor Hayri Kozakcioglu denied foreign press reports that up to 10 refugees a day were dying from cold in inadequate Turkish camps. He told reporters that a total of 91 refugees died between August 27 and October 15, including 28 deaths from diarrhoea, 10 from pneumonia and 12 from malnutrition.

### Group threatens Greece over extradition

**SIDON, Lebanon (R)** — A previously unknown Palestinian group threatened Thursday to hit Greek interests if Greece extradited a Palestinian to the United States. "We warn the

Greek government against continuing to hold our struggling brother Mohammad Rashid and extraditing him to the American authorities," said a statement in the name of Direct Revolutionary Action for the Liberation of Palestine. The United States wants Rashid, who was arrested on May 30 at Athens airport, in connection with a 1982 bomb attack which killed a Japanese boy and injured other passengers on a Pan-American Airways flight over Hawaii.

### S. Yemen, Oman discuss border dispute

**BAHRAIN (R)** — A Omani minister said Thursday after visiting South Yemen that the two states were still considering the issue of their common border. "We discussed the border issue between the two states and it is still under study," Sheikh Mohammad Bin Ali Al Qatbi, minister of regional provinces, told the Omani news agency. Oman and South Yemen have been in dispute over their border for several years. The agency, received in Bahrain, also quoted Qatbi as saying he discussed preparations for a visit to Oman by South Yemeni President Haider Abubaker Al Attas.

### Israeli cabinet minister collapses

**TEL AVIV (R)** — Government minister Ezer Weizman, the Labour Party's election campaign chief, fainted from fatigue Thursday before a cabinet meeting to discuss a Lebanese car bomb attack that killed seven Israeli soldiers. A spokesman for Weizman said the 64-year-old former fighter pilot was taken to hospital from the prime minister's office where he fainted in a corridor. The spokesman said Weizman was feeling better.

### Evren favours scrapping death penalty

**ANKARA (R)** — President Kenan Evren wants capital punishment abolished in Turkey, where 220 people are under sentence of death, a newspaper reported Thursday. "I am in favour of lifting the death penalty. It does not seem to work," Evren, who is on a state visit to West Germany, told the English-language Turkish Daily News in an interview in Bonn. He said he planned to discuss the matter with Prime Minister Turgut Ozal after he returned to Turkey. "Many death sentences are deadlocked in parliament. They could be commuted to life. But they should not be liable to amnesty before 30 years," Evren was quoted as saying.

### Iran repairs plane damaged at start of war

**NICOSIA (R)** — Iranian technicians took 56,000 hours to repair an air force tanker jet damaged eight years ago in the first Iraqi raid on Tehran airport at the start of the Gulf war, Tehran radio reported Thursday. The radio, monitored in Nicosia, said the Boeing 707, hit by 320 pieces of shrapnel, was turned over to the air force after successful test flights last week. It quoted an official as saying it was the first time such repairs had been carried out in Iran. A European firm had asked \$12 million to repair the plane, he said.

### U.N. launches schemes in Bahrain

**BAHRAIN (AP)** — United Nations agencies Tuesday launched health education programmes on the country that include acquainting school children with the hazards of smoking. The programme was launched after agreement between Bahraini officials and senior executives of the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO). "This programme is taking place because of the health problems around us," said Omar Suleiman, WHO's regional advisor, at a news conference held jointly with other U.N. officials. Mohammad Ibrahim Kazem, regional director of UNESCO, said the educational programme centres on "how individuals and the community should deal with diseases... diets... exercise... and smoking."

# King Fahd halts media campaign against Iran

**RIYADH, (AP)** — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has ordered the government-controlled Saudi media to halt its anti-Iran campaign, according to a report released Thursday.



King Fahd

King Fahd, answering students' questions in Mecca Wednesday night, also made his warmest overtures toward the Persian state since he broke ties in April. At the time Saudi Arabia charged the Islamic Republic with supporting terrorism and subversion. "Nothing is perpetual... and I mean there is nothing to bar matters ending up well... and I am referring in particular to the Iranian people," said King Fahd, according to a transcript of the meeting.

Iran "is a Muslim state," a neighbour, and we are in the same region, and there is nothing separating us as is known but the Arabian Gulf," said the Saudi monarch. In front of the audience King Fahd told Information Minister Ali Al Shaer, "to prove that we do not want problems between the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Iran I say here in front of those present and in front of the minister of information... that the newspapers and the radio put a final stop to anything that infringes on Iran."

Relations between the two states decayed rapidly following riots by thousands of Iranians at Mecca, site of Islam's holiest shrines, during the 1987 pilgrimage season. The riots led to clashes with the Saudi police and death of 402, mainly Iranians. King Fahd, at his annual meeting with students of Mecca's Umm Al Qurra University, affirmed the Saudi responsibility for maintaining law and order for the vast numbers of Muslims that

flow in annually for the hajj. "We want the problems between us in an amicable manner and I am saying these words and meaning them fully," said the Saudi monarch. "We in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia do not want a rift or problems with any Islamic or non-Islamic country."

Stressing that Saudi Arabia will continue to resist any attempt to intervene in its internal affairs, King Fahd also said "we welcome an end to the problems that were created between our two wars."

He noted that at the time of the pilgrimage season this year, he had expressed regret at the absence of the Iranian pilgrims who boycotted the hajj when numbers were reduced to a few hundred. King Fahd also reiterated the Saudi government's attitude at a recent meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

## Saudi locust invasion beaten back

**RIYADH (R)** — Spraying is exterminating swarms of desert locusts in Saudi Arabia but some have penetrated inland, raising the possibility of a fresh assault on crops after they breed. Officials said Wednesday the voracious insects, which swept in from Africa along the Red Sea coast last week, were being destroyed by spraying insecticide from helicopters. "The locusts are under control," said an official at the Agriculture and Water Ministry. "The area of infestation has been reduced."

## Iran withdraws speedboats from Gulf

**MANAMA, Bahrain (AP)** — Iran has withdrawn the armed speedboats it had used to attack merchant ships in the southern Gulf from Abu Musa island, diplomatic sources reported Thursday. The move, which the sources said occurred recently, came amid diplomatic efforts by Tehran to improve its relations with its Arab neighbours in the Gulf and ease tensions in the strategic waterway following the Aug. 29 ceasefire in the war with Iraq. The diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 20-25 speedboats manned by Iranian Revolutionary Guards had been pulled out of the island that straddles the southern part of the Gulf. "Not a single speedboat is now in the vicinity of Abu Musa," one source said. The withdrawal from Abu Musa came amid a dramatic escalation in Iranian interceptions of merchant ships suspected of carrying war-related materials bound for Iraq. Tehran has in recent days moved to normalise relations with Kuwait, the northern Arab Gulf state it had repeatedly accused of aiding Iraq in the 8-year war with Iraq.

The Iranians fired missiles into Kuwait's territorial waters and were blamed for repeated terrorist attacks in the emirate during the war. Iran's parliament speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, has also indicated that Tehran seeks to restore relations with Saudi Arabia, which severed relations in April, citing Iranian subversion and terrorism. The Iranians moved towards easing tensions in the Gulf came amid a drive by Rafsanjani, the most powerful figure in Iran after Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, to improve Tehran's relations with the rest of the world after years of political isolation. The Iranians' moves were seen as part of an effort to be seen as being more flexible in Iraq in breaking dead-end peace talks since the start of the Gulf war. Naval and shipping officials here have been no Iranian ships and search interceptions since ceasefire took hold two months ago. Before then, the Iranians were stopping scores of vessels every month. Iranian warships in the Strait of Hormuz, the gateway to the Gulf, still question commercial vessels by radio about their destination and cargoes, which is legitimate under international maritime law until the two belligerents sign a formal peace treaty. But some Gulf-based shipping executives said that there, from radio interrogations have dropped to one-third of what they were immediately after the ceasefire.

The sources also noted Iranian warships are now sighted in southern Gulf, where they had been most active, in mud houses, which disintegrated during devastating floods in August, or makeshift homes of jute sacks stretched over planks. Camp-dwellers said they had received virtually none of the food and other aid sent to Sudan for flood victims. They had been most active, in mud houses, which disintegrated during devastating floods in August, or makeshift homes of jute sacks stretched over planks. Camp-dwellers said they had received virtually none of the food and other aid sent to Sudan for flood victims.



### TENDER EXTENSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co. Ltd. announces extension of Tender No. 14/88 for the study of maintenance management system for computerisation as follows:

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2. Selling documents from 27.10.88 up to 20.11.88.
3. Submitting offers from 4.12.88 up to 25.12.88.

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## '30 people dying daily in Khartoum camp'

**KHARTOUM (R)** — Thirty people are dying every day of malaria or typhoid at a refugee camp in Khartoum, a Sudanese newspaper said Thursday.

Guiding Star said cases of disease had risen sharply in the past few days at Abu Showak, home

for about 50,000 of the one million refugees who have crowded into Khartoum to escape civil war and famine in southern Sudan.

The English-language weekly said five people died in two hours on Oct. 16 when its reporter visited the camp, one of 41 ring-

ing the Sudanese capital.

It said no one from the health ministry or foreign aid agencies had visited Abu Showak since malaria and typhoid broke out simultaneously in September.

The camp had no medical supplies and also lacked running

water, electricity and drains, it said.

Guiding Star also said 10 people had died of malaria or typhoid at Machar Chol, another camp in the capital. It did not say over what period they died.

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# OPEC seeks more time to solve bitter oil output row

MADRID (R) — Key OPEC ministers, meeting to try to end an Iran-Iraq dispute over oil output quotas and reunite the group, played down chances of an early breakthrough on Friday and said emergency talks of all 13 members may be needed.

OPEC's disunity has led to excess production which has flooded the market and threatened a price crash.

On the second day of a meeting of eight oil ministers, Indonesia's Gitaanjar Kartasmita tried to dampen hopes in the oil market of an early deal and OPEC Secretary-General Subroto held out a prospect of negotiations lasting four weeks.

"I just want to warn you not to attach too much hope to this one single meeting," the Indonesian minister told reporters at the joint session of OPEC's long-term strategy and price committees.

Secretary-General Subroto indicated that OPEC needed more time. The joint committee would have to meet again before a full ministerial conference scheduled to start Nov. 21 in Vienna, he told reporters.

"We feel we need more than one meeting," he said, adding that an emergency session of all 13 states could not be ruled out before the scheduled November session.

The statements underlined the intractability of a bitter row over production between Iran and Iraq which arose during their Gulf war and goes to the roots of divisions within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Tehran has repeatedly blocked Baghdad's attempts to win an OPEC output quota equal to its own 2.369 million barrels a day. In turn, Iraq has boycotted group production programming.

In the past few months, discipline in OPEC has all but collapsed, with quotas now being openly flouted and analysts forecasting a possible repeat of 1986's crash when prices slid below \$10 a barrel.

They are now around \$13, compared with an OPEC target of \$18.

Gitaanjar said the purpose of the Madrid talks, which are expected to continue Saturday, was to bring Iraq back into the group

quota system, seen by delegates as a precondition of a new accord to cut excess output at Vienna in November.

Oil markets, which had billed the three-day Madrid talks as a make-or-break session, steadied in London Friday after a sharp fall in New York the day before.

The prospect of further meetings held out by Subroto appeared to convince traders OPEC was serious about tackling the fundamental problem of Iraq's exclusion from production pacts.

Widely-traded North Sea Brent crude for delivery in December firmed 40 cents from Far East levels to \$13.60 a barrel.

But Geoff Pyne, oil analyst at brokers UBS Phillips and Drew in London, told Reuters: "OPEC is very much on the defensive, the best that can be achieved in Madrid is a holding operation."

Pyne said failure to reintegrate Iraq into the quota system could send prices below \$10 a barrel, but forecast they would hover around \$14 until mid-1989 if the group did succeed in bringing Baghdad back into the fold.

The Madrid talks have brought together key OPEC players — the powerful Gulf Arab producers Saudi Arabia and Kuwait along with Algeria, Indonesia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Iran and Iraq.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have applied strong pressure on Iran to drop its objections to Iraqi demands, threatening to flood the market and drive prices even lower if it does not.

Before a modest recovery over the last few days, Middle East crude prices had dipped briefly as much as \$8 a barrel below OPEC's \$18 reference point or "benchmark."

A full session of the joint committee met at Algeria's embassy Friday. The ministers later adjourned, probably until Saturday, to have bilateral talks — the basis for OPEC deals often emerges as a result of private haggling in hotel suites.

# Jordan supply minister vows to crack down on profiteers

By Rana Sabbagh  
Reuters

AMMAN — Jordanian Supply Minister Abdul Salam Kanaan vowed Friday to crack down on any profiteering traders

"Legal action will be taken against any wholesale and retail suppliers or merchants who try to exploit the current position by raising prices on commodities which are already in stock," Kanaan told Reuters. "Violators

will face severe punishment."

He said his ministry had already taken legal action against some traders who had tried to take advantage of what he called "temporary unstable market circumstances."

The dinar has lost almost 15 per cent of its dollar value since Saturday when the central bank of Jordan (CBJ) let the currency slide in a bid to conserve scarce foreign exchange and boost exports.

The CBJ now values the dollar

at 443 fils, compared to 378 fils a week ago. There are 1,000 fils to the dinar.

Anxious shoppers rushed to buy consumer goods before the dinar's decline was reflected in higher prices and newspapers denounced traders who, they said, had marked up prices or hoarded goods to sell later.

Kanaan said there was no reason for restaurants or groceries to raise prices since his ministry was still importing and subsidising staple foods such as

rice, sugar, frozen meat and flour.

Prices of basic foodstuffs such as milk and dairy products, local meat, poultry, fish and tea are also fixed.

Kanaan said his ministry monitored prices of luxury imported items but did not normally interfere. But he added: "We shall take action if shameless merchants repeat what some of their colleagues tried to do in the past four days."

# Saqqaf calls for participation of Egypt in pan-Arab economies

CAIRO (Petra) — Ministry of Industry and Trade's Secretary-General Mohammed Saqqaf has called for the return of Egypt to the Arab Common Market and the Arab Economic and Social Council in view of its importance to the Arab World.

Jordan feels that the Arab Economic and Social Council has been weakened by the absence of Egypt and therefore it calls for that country's participation in all pan-Arab economic endeavours.

Saqqaf said in a statement here following talks with Egyptian officials.

He said that Jordan has maintained very strong economic ties with Egypt and launched joint projects with that country believing that it is a process that leads to a real strength of Arab economy.

Saqqaf said that Jordan is linked through bilateral agreements

with Egypt, Syria, Iraq and North Yemen in a manner that should be regarded as complementary to the Arab Common Market agreement.

Referring to talks held by the Jordanian delegation in Cairo, Saqqaf said they covered progress in the implementation of Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee resolutions, a process which, he said, was going on smoothly and on schedule.

The delegation is led by Industry and Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa who held a series of meetings with Egyptian International Cooperation Minister Maurice Makramallah to discuss joint projects.

According to Saqqaf, the two sides discussed coordination in industry and commerce and took part in the general assembly meeting of the Jordanian-Egyptian Investment Company which

will set up plants for producing lean meat and animal feed in Egypt.

The projects which are designed to enhance the two countries' endeavours to ensure food security, are being implemented under the umbrella of a \$50 million joint company that will carry out other projects in Jordan and Egypt, Saqqaf noted.

He said that agreement has been reached on leasing a 24-dunum of land in Egypt for setting up the two projects, and that shares will be offered to the Arab public to raise funds for their operations.

Describing Jordanian-Egyptian relations as excellent, Saqqaf said that the two countries' 1988 trade volume is expected to reach \$110 million worth of products traded on equal footing.

Under the trade agreements, Saqqaf noted that Jordan has

concluded deals to sell Egypt \$28 million worth of cement, the first consignments of which will be shipped in the coming week.

In return, he said, Egypt will sell Jordan rice, and aluminium together worth \$28 million.

Referring to industrial fairs Saqqaf said that Jordan will set up its exhibition in Cairo in December and Egypt will do likewise some time later on in Amman.

Each fair, he said, will be allowed to sell \$2 million worth of products directly to the public in accordance with bilateral agreements.

Both Saqqaf and Tabbaa visited a site near Alexandria where the joint projects for the production of meat and fodder will be set up.

They also visited an Islamic permanent trade fair and a proposed site for Jordan's industrial fair.

# USSR to develop price index

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union, which has long maintained that it has no inflation, plans to develop an index to measure rising prices, a senior government statistician said Thursday.

Nikolai Belov complained of what he called groundless price increases in both industrial and consumer goods and said they had affected the income of the Soviet people in the first nine months of 1988.

"A number of enterprises have started to resolve their financial problems through groundless price rises," Belov, the first deputy chairman of the State Committee on Statistics, told a news conference.

He could not estimate the percentage by which prices had

risen, saying the Soviet Union did not use an "inflation indicator" in its statistics. But he added: "We plan to develop a price index based on economic performance for the entire year."

Belov's comments were the first official indication that the Soviet Union, like the West, suffers from inflation even though media complaints of price rises have been emerging.

The trade union newspaper Trud said Sept. 29 that the prices of such staple foods as bread, potatoes and other vegetables had risen by up to 18 per cent in the last two years.

"Price rises were responsible for 60 per cent of the entire increase in trade turnover in 1986 and 1987," it added.

Belov said industrial wages had

gone up by 6.7 per cent in the first nine months of 1988, outstripping the increase in labour productivity which rose by just 5.2 per cent.

He said national income had grown 4.7 per cent, a large jump from the same period last year, when it was just 2.4 per cent. But he acknowledged the figures were not inflation-adjusted.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has warned the population to expect increases in the price of staples at the start of the 1990s as a necessary part of an overhaul of the centrally planned Soviet economy.

But Belov's comments indicated some enterprises, presumably including cooperatives, were moving ahead with price increases without waiting for a go-ahead from Moscow.

# Al Siyasa praises Jordan for financial adjustments

KUWAIT (Petra) — Kuwait's Al Siyasa Arabic daily Thursday praised the recent Jordanian measures to regulate the value of the Jordanian dinar versus the major foreign currencies and described it as a well-organised adjustment for the value of the Jordanian dinar.

The paper said that Jordan, like other Arab and Gulf countries, has been affected during the last few years by difficult economic situations, which were, to a large extent, part of the difficult Arab and Gulf economic situations. Jordan, the paper said, is a natural partner of the Gulf states and relies mainly on the Gulf in a great part of its financial resources, be it through the official aid or through the Jordanian expatriates transfers.

The paper added that most of the non-oil Arab countries were forced to devalue their local currencies during the last five or six years of economic recession. However, Jordan has been able through that period to provide an exceptional power to the Jordanian economy and the Jordanian dinar, that enabled it to absorb the economic crises and to adjust to the lack of foreign currencies.

Faced with these situations, and given the fact that oil prices have dropped and the dollar's value has soared significantly in the last few months, the Jordanian dinar has been exposed to a series of pressures.

The paper noted that some of the pressure was external and fabricated while others were the outcome of the speculation psychology, which is considered part of the free economy, under which some of the money exchangers can utilise their investments and external contacts at the expense of the country's foreign currency reserves.

# Cairo bans Al Rayan from selling property

CAIRO (R) — The Egyptian government banned the Al Rayan Islamic Investment Company Thursday from selling property, shares or other assets, the national Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported.

Al Rayan, one of Egypt's biggest Islamic investment firms, offered farm plots, shops, offices and other property this week to scores of small savers who had demanded their deposits back.

MENA said Prime Minister Atef Sedki issued an order under seven-year-old emergency laws banning Al Rayan and five owners from trading in the firm's or their own assets without approval from the official regulatory agency for finance firms.

"All deals or transactions made directly or indirectly by the company owners or partners in movable or immovable assets are

illegal unless approved by the chairman of the Capital Market Authority," said the ban, backdated to April 1.

But the company could continue to run its daily business by trading in goods and commodities, the agency said.

MENA said similar bans were expected on transactions by other Islamic finance firms to protect customers and "make them put their houses in order."

Islamic finance companies, which have attracted more than \$2 billion in deposits by offering higher returns than banks, have been set a Nov. 8 deadline to comply with a new law regulating their operations or liquidate their businesses.

# U.N. warns of wide unrest if debt crisis goes unchecked

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, warning of widespread political and social problems if the world debt crisis persists, called Thursday for courage and imagination to deal with it.

"The world economy can ill afford this kind of a stalemate situation in which negative transfers, protectionism, and low commodity prices are making the debt burden ever more crushing," he said.

As if the economic cost were not high enough, he said, the social costs were beginning to tell even more acutely. "And, lest we

forget, social problems have their own way of spreading internationally," he added.

Perez de Cuellar cited the example of "realism and generosity" that produced formulas for easing debt problems after each of the world wars.

"The reasoning was clear," he said. "Prosperity would reinforce peace, the world economy and better understanding among people."

The secretary-general said the disparity between countries that were doing well economically and socially ominous.

## AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Thursday rates					
Central Bank official rates					
	Buy	Sell			
			French franc	71.5	71.9
			Japanese yen (for 100)	347.4	349.1
U.S. dollar	442.0	444.0	Dutch guilder	216.4	217.5
Pound Sterling	775.9	779.8	Swedish crown	70.9	71.2
Deutschemark	244.1	245.3	Italian lira (for 100)	32.8	33.0
Swiss franc	289.0	290.4	Belgian franc (for 100)	116.4	117.0

## Amman Financial Market weekly trading

Following is a summary of trading during last week and the previous week:

	Oct. 15-19	Oct. 8-12
Daily average	JD 1,403,862	JD 308,396
Total volume	JD 7,019,311	JD 1,541,983
Total shares	5,018,325	1,216,685
No. of contracts	5,448	1,567

### Sectoral trading:

	JD 5,249,442	JD 1,046,977
Industrial	(75%)	(67.9%)
Financial	JD 1,446,153	JD 404,569
	(20.6%)	(26.2%)
Service	(2.7%)	(3.4%)
Insurance	(1.8%)	(2.5%)

Share price index	120.4	115.9
No. of companies	63	60
Price movement (rise)	52	24
(decline)	5	18
(stable)	6	18

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Ministry of Industry and Trade	663191	Jordan Commercial Centres	
Ministry of Supply	602121	Corporation	603507
Ministry of Finance	636321	Free Zones Corporation	642001
Ministry of Planning	644466	Amman Financial Market	666170
Ministry of Labour	663186	Amman Chamber of Commerce	666151
Ministry of Communications	847391	Amman Chamber of Industry	647477
Ministry of Agriculture	639391	Association of Banks in Jordan	662258
Income Tax Department	660151	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Central Bank of Jordan	636301	General Statistics Department	846171
Amman Customs Department	72181	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Social Security Corporation	643000		
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194		

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling	1.7578/88	U.S. dollar	
One U.S. dollar	1.1990/2000	Canadian dollar	
	1.7900/10	Deutschemark	
	2.0192/0202	Dutch guilders	
	1.5143/50	Swiss francs	
	37.53/56	Belgian francs	
	6.1180/1230	French francs	
	1333/1334	Italian lire	
	126.55/65	Japanese yen	
	6.1990/2000	Swedish crowns	
	6.6430/80	Norwegian crowns	
	6.9040/90	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	411.00/411.50	U.S. dollars	

## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — The market closed firm but off the day's high as profit-takers moved to cash in on gains of the past trading days. The All Ordinaries index rose three to 1,594.2.

TOKYO — Share prices gradually shaved off their earlier gains through the day to end near the day's lows. The Nikkei index rose 10.87 to 27,401.42.

HONG KONG — Stocks gave up early gains to close barely steady, following heavy profit-taking on unfavourable technical factors and uncertainty over the outlook for prices. The Hang Seng index fell 2.35 to 2,581.69.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed firm, with gains across the board following institutional buying support and widespread bargain-hunting spurred by Thursday's Wall Street rally. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 16.09 to 1,038.42.

BOMBAY — Share prices shot up on a broad front on heavy speculative and institutional buying when trading resumed after a two-day halt. Tata Steel soared 40 rupees to 987.5.

FRANKFURT — Prices closed easier in sluggish trading after the weaker dollar prompted investors to take profits and square their positions before the weekend. The DAX index fell 5.49 to 1,289.72.

ZURICH — Shares closed firmer on high turnover after Wall Street overnight reached its highest level since the crash. The Swiss index rose eight to 938.2, a high for the year.

PARIS — Prices continued their opening strong tone at mid-session but some profit-taking pushed them off their highs of the morning.

LONDON — The widely predicted early fall on Wall Street saw the London market drop further in afternoon trading. By 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was down 5.4 to 1,858.9.

NEW YORK — Stocks in mid-morning were around their lows of the session but held steady as selling let up. Traders blamed disappointment over Digital Equipment's quarterly results. The Dow was down 14 to 2,167.

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# China closes firms, freezes funds in corruption crackdown

PEKING (R) — China has ordered hundreds of trading companies to halt business and imposed tight controls on the bank accounts of thousands more in a mounting anti-corruption campaign.

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paign. Chinese sources said Thursday.

Many of the firms, capitalist-style organisation set up under China's economic reforms, are headed by relatives of high-ranking communist politicians, the sources said.

The clean-up ordered in the Kanghua Company, closely connected to Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping's crippled son Deng Pufang, is only the most highly publicised part of a national crackdown on rampant corruption and abuse of privilege.

"Everyone is keeping their heads down and hoping it will pass over. For the moment it is very difficult to do business," one Peking trader said.

Most target firms are suspected of speculation in scarce goods, which has fuelled China's high price inflation and worsened shortages of key raw materials this year, leading to a slowdown of

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## Serbs protest as parliament debates constitutional reform

**BELGRADE (R)** — Thousands of Serbian nationalists demonstrated in their leader's home town Friday as parliament debated amending the state constitution to end Yugoslavia's worst political turmoil since 1945.

Witnesses said about 10,000 protesters massed in the eastern Yugoslav town of Pozarevac, birthplace of Slobodan Milosevic, who heads a campaign for more Serbian political control of the Albanian-dominated autonomous province of Kosovo.

Demonstrators held aloft portraits of Milosevic, chanted his name and denounced a vote of no-confidence which federal party officials passed Wednesday against a Serbian member of the ruling Communist Party Politburo.

The rally, which resembled a protest by thousands of Serbs Thursday in a Kosovo town, was also called to highlight popular discontent at falling living standards.

"The working class expects improvements in its material situation," the mayor of Pozarevac, Kucman Jeremic, told the rally, which Milosevic did not attend. The vote against Dusan Ckrebic, a prominent figure in the Serbian campaign, reflected the concern of non-Serbian leaders that the Kosovo problem to establish their dominance over the whole country.

The most sensitive constitutional proposal under discussion in parliament was an amendment which would strengthen the ability of the federal authorities to make Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous provinces fund the armed forces.

Slovenia, the most politically

liberal and economically advanced republic, opposes the change. Slovene politicians want to limit federal powers in their republic, and the Slovene press has questioned the military's role in Yugoslav life.

Slovene representatives angered the armed forces Wednesday by criticising the amendment at a meeting of the country's highest policy-making organ, the Communist Party Central Committee.

"The blocking of the amendment means, in essence, the breakdown of the system of providing for the army," said Deputy Defence Minister Stane Brovet. "Who can take responsibility before the Yugoslav people for the possible consequences?"

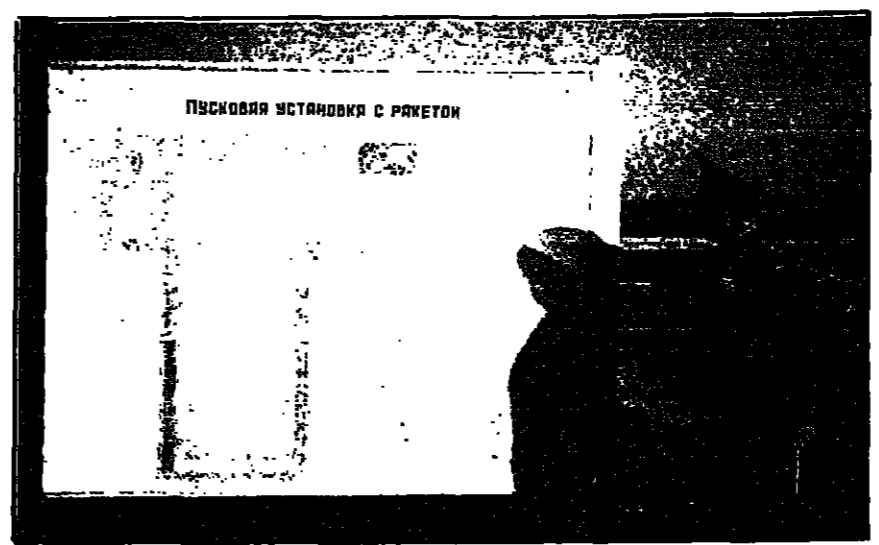
Federal authorities want parliament to endorse the constitutional proposals so they can be sent to the six republics and two provinces for approval before finally coming into force. No. 29.



## Soviets unveil super-secret missile

SOVIET authorities opened a strategic missile base, until now ultra-secret, at Ivanovo, 250 kilometres north of Moscow, for a group of Western journalists earlier this month. The journalists were taken on a tour of the installations, which contained an RS 10 missile, known in the West as SS-11, equipped with a single nuclear warhead. Major General Ivan Verkhov told the jour-

nalists he would welcome "with satisfaction the conclusion of a treaty reducing by half the number of strategic missiles in the hands of the U.S. and the USSR." The superpowers are discussing in Geneva a 50-per cent reduction of their strategic arsenals following last year's agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles (Sygma photos)



## French TV demotes lesbian porn film

PARIS (R) — The Council of State, France's legal watchdog, has banned a lesbian porn film from prime-time television, threatening a one million franc (\$160,000) fine if it is shown before 10.30 p.m. Private television channel La Cinq screened "Joy and Joan" by French director Jacques Saurail, the third in a series of prime-time porn films, Thursday at 8.30 p.m. But a committee decided after seeing the film Thursday its screening would "show disrespect for childhood and adolescence" and La Cinq said they would reschedule it. A U.S. film called "Joy" screened last week captured 20 per cent of all French television viewers, smashing the three-year-old channel's audience records.

## Marriage gets off to a running start

DAYTON (AP) — Carol and Denny Bennett got their marriage off to a running start as nearly 1,800 competitors witnessed the wedding ceremony on the starting line of the 12th annual River Corridor Classic half marathon. The Bennetts, 41-year-old marathon enthusiasts, were wed in their running shorts minutes before competing in the 21.1-kilometre race, in which Bennett finished 1,005th and his wife 1,213th. The couple said they met on the finish line of a race two years ago and decided to have their wedding at the race in Dayton so all their friends could attend. Although the best man and the maid of honour also are runners, they opted for the traditional tuxedo and gown and did not run.

## 'Happy Birthday' is for sale

NEW YORK (R) — "Happy Birthday To You," sung thousands of times daily as people all over the world celebrate birthday, is for sale. The song, which may appear to belong to everyone, is actually still under copyright, and the company that owns it has come on the market, according to a report in Thursday's New York Times. Birchtree Limited, which copyrighted the song in 1935, is expected to fetch \$12 million. "Happy Birthday" brings in revenues of \$1 million a year, the paper said.

## New breed of sniffer dogs

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — Ben, the first of West Germany's new breed of police sniffer dogs, can smell a criminal miles away and up to a year after the crime. The Alsatian known as a "scent comparison dog" has already forced a confession from a rapist. Three other canine recruits are waiting their turn. The dogs do not need to sniff the suspects. They are given samples of a suspect's scent in small metal tubes then presented with scent from an object found at the scene of a crime. If the two scents are the same the dog presents his handler with the tube.

## No more music on Panama buses

PANAMA CITY (R) — This city's colourful and noisy buses may lose their status as rolling musical extravaganzas as the result of a decree Tuesday ordering them to shut off their ear-splitting radios and tape players. Mayor Jilma Noriega de Jurado told a news conference that the pulsating reggae, salsa and rock and roll music blasting out of the open windows and doors of the brightly-painted buses was making city life miserable.

## 'Piddling affair' get serious attention

LONDON (AP) — Scotland Yard has appointed the head of its serious crimes branch to investigate a tabloid's publication of a private royal family photograph. But a Conservative Party lawmaker criticised the appointment of such a high officer, comparing it to sending in commandos to nab a parking offender. Commander Roy Penrose, 46, former head of the drug squad, will lead an inquiry to discover how the Sun, a 4.15-million-circulation newspaper, obtained the snapshot of the queen, her mother Elizabeth, and the duchess of York cradling her infant daughter Princess Beatrice. The Conservative lawmaker, Geoffrey Dickens, Saturday protested the "Gillbert and Sullivan" situation in which Scotland Yard assigned Penrose to deal with "this piddling affair."

## U.S. to indict Marcos

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government planned to seek the indictment Friday of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos on charges of diverting enormous sums of money to his own use after fleeing to the United States in 1986, federal sources say.

The Justice Department decided to move against Marcos after his lawyers, involved in plea bargaining negotiations with federal prosecutors, missed Thursday afternoon deadline for responding to a demand that he plead guilty to a racketeering charge, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Government attorney Rudolph Giuliani plans to seek charges of racketeering and fraud against Marcos, said the sources. Prosecutors also have investigated activities of Marcos's wife, Imelda, Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi and a number of associates.

Earlier in the day, President

Ronald Reagan indicated he would step aside and not intervene to stop a Marcos indictment, saying that in order to bring the matter to him, "I would think that it would have to be a matter of foreign policy."

Reagan said, "It may not come to my desk at all." Engaging in plea bargaining discussions prior to indictment was a concession by the Justice Department to the State Department, which had urged such a course in an attempt to avoid indicting the former head of state. Justice Department officials had wanted an indictment to precede any plea bargaining negotiations.

In June 1986, four months after Marcos fled to the United States, Giuliani, the federal attorney in New York, began investigating Marcos in connection with allegations that Marcos diverted enormous sums of government money to secret bank accounts.

The government believes that Marcos and his wife fraudulently

diverted the money from the Philippine and U.S. governments, according to an opinion Wednesday by a three-judge panel in a matter relating to the Marcos probe.

Marcos and his wife, according to the court opinion, allegedly embezzled the money to buy real estate in New York and other personal property.

Some money, according to the court, allegedly was transferred to secret Swiss Bank accounts held by the Marcoses.

The U.S. General Accounting Office in a 1986 report said the United States probably would never be able to ascertain what happened to \$327 million in economic aid given the Philippines from 1978 to 1985, due to poor accounting procedures by U.S. auditors. The aid, part of total U.S. assistance of \$1.3 billion in the period, was to be used for development projects and for paying off the Philippines' foreign debt.

## Reagan backs Roh's reconciliation effort

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan told South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo Thursday that he backed his pursuit of a political reconciliation with North Korea and offered his help, a top State Department official said.

"President Reagan said the United States fully supports President Roh's proposals and we want to be as helpful as we can," said Assistant Secretary of State Gaston Sigur.

The two men "agreed that there is no certain prospect that these measures will succeed but every effort has to be made. We are of course hopeful of eventual success," Sigur told reporters.

During a White House meeting that lasted about two hours, Reagan also told Roh the United States had no objection to his proposal for a six-power conference of the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Japan and the two Koreas.

But the United States does not believe it to be its role to push for such a conference, Sigur said.

"This is his (Roh's) initiative and it's his to pursue... we have no intention of pushing it at this time but obviously if it works we'll be a part of it," Sigur said.

On Monday, in the first speech by a Korean leader before the United Nations, Roh had called for a summit meeting with communist North Korean president Kim Il-Sung to discuss a declaration of non-aggression, force reductions and peaceful contacts with the goal of reunifying the Korean Peninsula, divided since the end of World War II.

He also issued a call for the six-power conference as a way to bolster peace in the region.

Reagan told reporters the United States might some day lower its troop levels in South Korea, though he said this could occur only if U.S. forces were "no longer needed."



## Suharto hits communism, liberalism

JAKARTA (R) — President Suharto said Thursday communism and liberalism were both foreign to the national character and ruled out any change in the political path Indonesia has followed during his 22-year rule. The development of Indonesia's national ideology... through national consensus gives us all strength," he said at the opening of Indonesia's ruling Golkar Party Congress.

"With this path there is no dictatorship by the majority or tyranny by the minority. All groups feel they can belong, be they strong or weak, big or little...not many voices, but one big strong one."

The 67-year-old leader spoke after his Vice-President Sudharmono said he would step down as chairman of Golkar which won more than 70 per cent of the votes in last year's election.

Political analysts said that as party chairman for 10 years and vice president, Sudharmono was a likely candidate to be next president of Indonesia.

But his appointment as vice-president last March caused unease among the country's powerful military which thought him too left-wing. Speculation has been rife he would quit as Golkar chairman.

In an interview this week, Sudharmono denied rumours he was once involved with a leftist youth group and in a 1948 communist coup attempt.

Communism has been banned since Suharto came to power in 1965 after a second attempt by communists to grab power that was followed by a massacre in which up to 500,000 people died.

## Rebels keep up violence despite Colombo's truce

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Suspected Marxist rebels killed a senior ruling party member and a police officer in southern Sri Lanka less than a day after a government peace offer, police said Friday.

In northern and eastern Sri Lanka, 17 Indian troops were killed in attacks by Tamil separatist rebels, an Indian High Commission (embassy) spokeswoman said.

Police said three men believed to be members of the People's Liberation Front shot and threw explosives at Tudor Keerthinandana of the United National Party as he drove to work Friday. Keerthinandana, a member of a top party policy committee, died instantly. His wife and driver were seriously wounded.

On Thursday rebels shot dead a police officer at Kegalle, 80 kilometres north-east of Colombo. They shot and wounded a woman

police constable Friday in a Colombo suburb.

Both officers were involved in counter-subversive duties, police said.

The attacks came less than 24 hours after the government said it was halting operations against the leftwingers for a week in an attempt to stop a string of political attacks.

Officials blame the front for more than 450 killings in its campaign against an India-Sri Lanka pact aimed at ending a revolt by minority Tamils seeking an independent homeland.

The National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said the move was aimed at restoring peace on this island nation torn by five years of ethnic violence.

Athulathmudali told reporters: "This step has been taken by the government purely to save innocent lives and activate the democratic process."

## Kampuchea meeting ends without accord

JAKARTA (AP) — A four-day meeting among South East Asian nations ended early Thursday with no consensus on how to end the 10-year-old Kampuchean conflict, but participants pledged to meet in December to try again.

"Consensus has not been reached because there are points of convergence and points of divergence," John P. Louhanapessy, chairman of the group of South East Asian representatives, told a news conference.

Louhanapessy said Vietnam's insistence on linking its promised troop pullout from Kampuchea to the prevention of the Khmer Rouge's return to power and termination of arms aid to the Kampuchean guerrillas was the main stumbling block.

Other demands by Vietnam included a timetable for the pull-out and an international body to supervise and control it.

"The main divergences is in the linkage of all the five points insisted by Vietnam," said

Louhanapessy, who is director general for political affairs in Indonesia's Foreign Ministry.

"We are still moving ahead," he added, and said the group would meet again Dec. 12-14 in Jakarta and possibly a third time in January.

The committee comprises representatives of the Association of South East Asian nations as well as Vietnam, Laos and the warring factions in Kampuchea. It was created last July during informal talks on the Kampuchean war in the resort town of Bogor, 60 kilometres south of Jakarta.

ASEAN compromises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei, Singapore and Thailand.

The Khmer Rouge, who killed hundreds of thousands of Kampuchean during their 1975-1978 rule, were absent from this week's talks. Louhanapessy said the guerrilla group had sent word it could not attend because almost all its staff were occupied at the United Nations.

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

### Chilean cabinet formally resigns

SANTIAGO (R) — President Augusto Pinochet's cabinet ministers formally handed in their resignations Thursday to allow him to reorganise his government following defeat in a presidential plebiscite, officials said. A government source said Pinochet would reshuffle his ministers under a new cabinet leader capable of negotiating with the opposition.

### U.S. sanctions bill said dead for '88

WASHINGTON (R) — A leading Senate sponsor of legislation to impose sweeping new economic sanctions against South Africa has acknowledged the bill is dead in this session of Congress but has vowed to push for passage next year. "We'll be right back early in 1989," California Democrat Alan Cranston told the Senate Wednesday.

### Falin named to foreign policy post

MOSCOW (AP) — The head of the government press agency Novosti, Valentin M. Falin, has been elevated to a new foreign policy post in the Communist Party apparatus, Soviet officials said Thursday. Falin, 62, was named to a job that combines the responsibilities of two formerly separate posts held by Anatoly F. Dobrynin and Vadim A. Medvedev. Falin will head the newly reorganised International Department of the Soviet Communist Party's policy-making central committee, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadiy I. Gerasimov.

### Lord Callaghan hospitalised

LONDON (AP) — Former Prime Minister Lord Callaghan, 76, collapsed at a memorial service Thursday and was taken to the hospital, said a spokeswoman for Saint Thomas' Hospital. She said Callaghan, Labour prime minister between 1976 and 1979, was being kept in the hospital for observation. Callaghan suffered a mild heart attack in June. He became ill during a memorial service for a former colleague at Saint Margaret's Church, near the houses of parliament, and was taken to nearby Saint Thomas'.

### New Soviet interior minister named

MOSCOW (R) — Vadim Bakatin, a relatively unknown member of the Soviet Communist Party's policy-making Central Committee, has been appointed the country's new interior minister, Soviet Television reported Thursday. The former incumbent, Alexander Vlasov, was made premier of the largest Soviet republic, the Russian Federation, Oct. 3.

### Swiss against tighter immigration curbs

GENEVA (R) — Most Swiss citizens oppose proposals by a far-right political party to limit immigration, according to an opinion poll published Thursday. The poll, in the latest issue of the French-language weekly l'Hebdo, showed that nearly 53 per cent of those surveyed would vote against the proposal by the National Action Party to limit immigration in a referendum scheduled for Dec. 4. A majority of Swiss citizens opposed National Action's scheme to limit the country's foreign community to its current level of nearly one million, 15 per cent of Switzerland's population, the weekly said.